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Change of dependent residence prohibited

By Hussain Salameh

ACCORDING to the new labour regulations which came into effect on March 22, dependent residency permits will not be transferred into working visas, reliable sources said.

The sources said that the labour departments in the four governorates have stopped accepting applications of family visa holders for transfer to the private sector in keeping with the new private sector labour law which became effective a week ago.

The sources said that if the implementation of this clause continues and the ban is strictly enforced, it will result in hardships for expatriates in Kuwait.

According to the residency laws in Kuwait, expatriate boys who

are not studying in school and

attain 21 years of age cannot

continue to enjoy the family visa facility.

A meeting to find a solution to

this problem is scheduled to be

held on Saturday by officials of

the Ministry of Social Affairs

and Labour, the sources said.

Yacht briefly detained, say Gulf officials

KUWAIT, March 28. (Agencies): Gulf Arab officials confirmed today reports that an Arab-owned yacht had been detained by an Iranian gunboat but said the vessel was quickly released.

The sources, who wished to remain anonymous, said the yacht, full of young people had been sailing on Thursday north of Iran's Farsi island when it was chased by the Iranian Coast Guard.

The Iranians fired in the air to stop the boat, which boared and searched before releasing it.

A report in Kuwait's *Al-Anbaa* newspaper on Sunday said several members of a Gulf ruling family and five British nationals had been on board, sparking a wave of speculation over the incident.

In Manama, Britain's visiting Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said today he had no information about four British women aboard the yacht.

Hurd said that as far as he knew, there had been no Britons on board at the time.

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INTERNATIONAL

Captain with drinking problems investigated

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 28. (Agencies): Authorities today investigated reports that the captain of a tanker responsible for a 100-square-mile (259-square-kilometre) oil spill had drinking problems, and crews struggled against the slick that was moving "like it's on a superhighway."

"We look at all areas in an investigation and that's an area of concern," National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Bill Woody said on reports that Exxon Valdez Capt. Joseph Hazelwood had a drunken driving conviction as recently as September.

Hazelwood likely will be required to testify at NTSB hearings that begin on April 4 in Anchorage, Alaska, Woody said.

Hazelwood, 42, was not on the bridge when the vessel left shipping lanes on Friday to avoid ice, rammed acharted reef and ran aground in Prince William Sound, said Exxon Shipping Co. officials. The third mate, who did not have proper certification, was in charge, company President Frank Iarossi said.

Investigators said the results of drug and alcohol tests on crew members will be made public perhaps in two or three days.

Hazelwood pleaded guilty in 1984 to driving while intoxicated after an accident near his home in Huntington, New York, the New York Times reported today. He was convicted of drunken driving last September in New Hampshire and his license was revoked, the paper said.

Telephone calls to his home yesterday were not answered.

Norway's state pollution board said today it had offered technical expertise and equipment to US authorities after the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground last Friday in Alaska.



Benazir (left) and Howe walk into the banquet hall for a dinner she gave him last night. (Reuter wirephoto)

Edwin Meese will testify Reagan off the hook in North trial

WASHINGTON, March 28. (AP): Former US attorney-general Edwin Meese III will testify at Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial this week, but former President Reagan won't.

US district judge Gerhard A. Gesell rejected North's bid to have Reagan appear in court on Friday as the defense's first witness.

Gesell, however, held out the possibility that Reagan might be called later, saying he wants a "succinct, particularised statement" from North's lawyers on what information they want to elicit from Reagan.

The judge will then decide, after holding a hearing, whether the former President must testify.

North lawyer Brendan Sullivan is trying to show that Reagan and his advisers approved North's actions.

The fired National Security Council aide is charged with 12 crimes, including obstructing and making false statement to Congress by denying he was involved in secretly assisting the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Meese, now with The Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank, will testify about North's alleged statements that the NSC wasn't involved in the diversion.

The judge will then decide, after holding a hearing,

Howe pledges aid to Afghan refugees

Benazir congratulated

ISLAMABAD, March 28. (AP): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe ended a 26-hour official visit to Pakistan today by praising the "restoration of democracy" and pledging new aid to Afghan war refugees.

He also met with representatives of Muslim rebels fighting to overthrow neighbouring Afghanistan's government, but rejected any inference that the meeting indicated Britain recognised a rebel government.

Hours after Howe's arrival, a bomb exploded near a British cultural centre in Islamabad, and police said the blast apparently was linked to the controversy over British author Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*, which many Muslims consider blasphemous. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

It was the third bombing in Pakistan in just over a month with possible ties to the novel.

Unprecedented security arrangements were made for

Howe's visit.

"The modern world must find a balance between mutual respect for the great religions and the traditions of free speech and free expression within the law," Howe said.

During a meeting yesterday with Howe, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said she understood the anguish to Muslims caused by Rushdie's book, but added, "we appreciate that Britain has its own laws."

Protests against the Rushdie novel in Pakistan reportedly caused Howe to cancel a trip to the Northwest Frontier Province, where most of the Afghan war refugees live.

At a news conference before leaving for India, Howe said Britain promised another £2 million (\$3.4 million) to non-government organisations helping Afghan refugees.

Howe also met briefly with representatives of the interim Afghan guerrilla government formed on Feb 23. The rebel

government has been seeking diplomatic recognition and recently received their nation's seat in the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"Our meeting was an encouragement and not a recognition," Howe said.

The foreign secretary's Pakistani visit was designed to congratulate Benazir on her election victory last November and the country's return to a democratic system after 11 years of rule by military leader Gen Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, who died last year in an as-yet unexplained plane crash.

Benazir, who once lived in London, is to make an official visit to Britain later this year.

Howe said he witnessed the "tangible pride in the restoration of democracy and the keen desire to move onto a new stage in the country's economic development."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistani jailed

NEWARK, N.J., March 28. (UPI): A Pakistani immigrant was sentenced yesterday to three months in federal prison for his part in a scheme to smuggle TOW anti-tank missiles to China, disguised as refrigerator parts.

Qamar Babar, 30, of New York City, co-operated with federal investigators after his arrest in August 1987 and pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act.

"I am just very embarrassed by what I have done, and I will not do it again in my life," he told District Judge Dickinson Debevoise.

100-year-old tree

CALCUTTA, March 28. (UPI): A dispute has arisen over the fate of a 100-year-old rain tree, which must be felled to make way for the construction of a new Soviet consulate in a posh suburb of Calcutta, the capital of communist-ruled West Bengal state.

Two women living in the Alipore suburb of India's largest city formed a group, the Friends of the Tree Society, to block the felling of the tree and have lobbied the West Bengal government to prevent its demise.

13 years labour

MOSCOW, March 28. (AP): A former Soviet Army colonel accused of planting a bomb in his wife's luggage last summer has been sentenced to 13 years in a labour camp, Tass reported today.

The official Soviet news agency said the former colonel, identified only as V. Grib, planned for the crude explosive device to go off 35 minutes after its departure for the 1,400-kilometre (870-mile) flight from the Ukrainian capital of Kiev to the Volga River city of Kuibyshev, but it failed to detonate.

FSX jet fighter

WASHINGTON, March 28. (UPI): Japanese and American negotiators continued to grapple with details of a revised agreement on the development and production of an advanced jet fighter known as the FSX, amid reports some compromise had been made.

Japan's Vice Defence Minister Seiki Nishihiro, head of Tokyo's team in the negotiations, remained in Washington over the weekend instead of returning home on Sunday as planned.

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South Korean military chiefs abruptly fired

SEOUL, March 28. (Agencies): The South Korean government today sacked the chief of the country's military academy in an abrupt reshuffle of 49 top generals, state radio reported.

The Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) said academy chief Lieutenant General Min Byong-Don was retiring, together with four-star general Chung Jin-Tae, who served as deputy head of the US-South Korean Combined Forces Command (CFC).

The radio gave no reason for the sweeping staff changes.

Analysts noted General Min last week openly challenged President Roh Tae-Woo's policies towards political protest at home and attempted detente with communist North Korea.

Min publicly snubbed Roh at a graduation ceremony and said in a speech that national policies over leftist protests at home and North Korean detente were in confusion. He later submitted his resignation.

The reason for General Chung's retirement was not clear.

Today's sudden announcement was the first major reshuffle of the South Korean military since Roh, victor of free elections in December 1987, took over from the autocratic Chun Doo Hwan in February last year.

Roh said today a unilateral arms reduction by South Korea would not bring peace with communist rival North Korea.

"It is regrettable that some quarters in our society have an illusion that a unilateral arms reduction by us would bring peace," Roh said in an address at the graduation ceremony of the Korea Air Force Academy.

A South Korean dissident leader, Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan, defying his government by visiting its communist rival, held talks with North Korean President Kim Il Sung, the North's official news agency said today.

The North's Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said Moon met yesterday with Kim, who told him: "As national reunification is a nation-wide cause, anyone may come even individually, if he wants to discuss the question of reunification, and we will welcome him."

Marks detained
Drugs ring boss to be extradited

MADRID, March 28. (Reuters): Spain's high court ruled today that a Briton accused of leading the world's biggest hashish and marijuana smuggling ring should be extradited to the United States to face narcotics charges.

Howard Marks, 43, and his wife Judith were arrested at their home on the Mediterranean island of Majorca last July after a federal indictment in Miami named him as leader of a drugs ring spanning 14 countries.

The high court said that Judith Marks should also be extradited to the United States.

Neither has been charged in Spain.

In its ruling the high court required the US authorities to guarantee within 40 days that the couple if convicted would not serve more than 30 years in prison — the maximum sentence permitted under Spanish law.



Springtime romance

At the Madrid springtime romance fair, these two camels are (try to) get a face to face conversation at Madrid zoo. The zoo remained a popular attraction for Spanish schoolchildren. (Reuter wirephoto)

US may ask Kremlin to loosen grip over East

NEW YORK, March 28. (AP): The US government is cautiously considering asking Moscow to loosen its grip over Eastern Europe in exchange for a pledge from the West not to undermine the Soviets, according to a report published today.

The proposal is being considered as part of Secretary of State James A. Baker III's strategic policy review, which is to be completed by the beginning of May, Baker said in an interview with the New York Times.

"I think it is important that any such idea, to the

extent that it is going to be pursued, be pursued carefully, so that you do not send a signal that somehow we are getting together with the Soviet Union and carving up Eastern Europe," Baker said.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger reportedly suggested that Washington and its NATO allies consider calling on Moscow to sharply ease its political and military control over Eastern Europe. In exchange, the West would promise not to exploit the new environment in a way that threatens the Soviet Union.

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INTERNATIONAL

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Violent crimes sweep Britain

LONDON, March 28, (AP): An upsurge in violent crime in Britain has alarmed the public and shoved public safety into the forefront of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's governmental agenda.

Violent crime accounts for less than five per cent of crime in Britain. But a 12.2 per cent increase in violent crime in England and Wales — from 141,043 offences in 1987 to 158,248 in 1988 — has renewed debate on the cause and the cure.

Many Britons have been horrified by pictures and news stories of violent crime — a 77-year-old grandmother battered by thieves, a Turkish student stabbed to death on a London subway, a rapist who targets elderly women, a gang of robbers who terrorised suburban families.

The government is fighting violent crime with more police, pushing for tougher sentences, and stressing the importance of personal responsibility, said Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, who is in charge of law enforcement.

"Although violent crime accounts for only about one in 20 of all crimes, it blights the lives of many people," he said. "The victims are often scarred emotionally as well as physically. Fear of crime diminishes the lives of thousands, especially elderly people and women."

Record

Paradoxically, violent crime hit the record level in 1988 as overall crime fell by five per cent, the biggest annual drop in 35 years. This was a sharp reversal of the average five per cent annual increase in the crime rate since 1980.

Hurd called the overall decline the "first blue patches in what once seemed a wholly dark sky." It was largely due to a continuing fall in burglary and theft, which account for more than 90 per cent of crimes in Britain.

The decrease is "due substantially to individual citizens taking anti-crime measures," said Home Office Minister John Patten.

The government has promoted the "neighbourhood watches" and nearly 60,000 operate. But research has found the schemes ineffective.

But while many people have demanded Thatcher make good on her "law and order" promises that helped her win power a decade ago, others blame her policies for promoting the violence.

Blame

The callous individualism that has been encouraged by Thatcher and her ministers over the past 10 years is directly responsible for the increase in violent crime," said Roy Hattersley, the Labour Party's chief spokesman on law enforcement issues.

Fingers of blame are pointed in other directions.

Several leading criminologists question the government's crime statistics, saying victims' surveys show rates of violence remaining steady but reports to the police increasing.

And the media is blamed by Bristol's chief inspector Peter Last and researcher Stephen Jackson. They claim the British news media has created unreasonable fear with its portrayal of crime in the streets.

A recent Bristol police survey found two-thirds of women and half of all adults lived in fear of attack, robbery or rape.

Topless bathing row kills one

ANDORA, Italy, March 28, (AP): An 18-year-old student beat a 34-year-old woman to death with rock ... after an argument over topless sunbathing.

Italian news agencies said the student insulted the woman and accused her of indecency for going topless on a remote stretch of beach.

The victim, identified as Maria Adua Amerio, tried to run away but was killed when her attacker struck her on the head with a large rock, the reports said.

Racial violence causes more danger

BOSTON, March 28, (AP): Crimes motivated by bigotry are more violent than previously assumed, according to a study by Northeastern University.

The idea that a civil rights violation consists of kids painting graffiti on a church or throwing a rock through a window does not describe the type of incidents reported to the Boston police, Professor Jack McDevitt wrote in his study for the Centre for Applied Social Research at Northeastern University.

sity.

"More than 50 per cent of the incidents of racial violence identified in our study are acts of a very serious and potentially injury-causing character."

The study, released Monday, examined 452 crimes reported from 1983 to 1987 and identified by the Boston police community disorders unit as motivated by bigotry.

The crimes included whites assaulting a white

boyfriend of a black female, bricks thrown through windows, a swastika painted on a synagogue and assaults on homosexuals.

Fifth-three per cent of the crimes were categorised as physical assaults.

Howard Ehrlich, research director of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, an independent organisation in Baltimore, called the Northeastern study "the first really decent

analysis of hard data."

Such research reinforces findings of the Baltimore institute that one out of four or five minority persons will be victimised during the course of a year, he said.

"It's very underreported," McDevitt said. "Victims fear retaliation. And victims will deny it's a hate crime. If you feel you're a victim because of your religion or your colour, then each time you step out the door (you fear) you're going to be attacked."

US court weighs options

Death for teen killers

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): The Supreme Court was urged on Monday to find a national consensus "against executing our young" and ban the death penalty for all juvenile murderers.

"There is a consensus of opinion in this country against executing our young," argued attorney Nancy McKerrow on behalf of a Missouri death row inmate.

But questions from the bench during two hours of arguments in cases from Missouri and Kentucky suggested the justices doubt that any clear consensus

exists.

The nation's highest court is to decide by July whether imposing the death penalty on murderers who committed their crimes before reaching the age of 18 represents the "cruel and unusual punishment" banned by the constitution's eighth amendment.

The court's decision will affect only 31 of the more than 2,200 death row inmates nationwide. Anti-capital punishment forces, nevertheless, are attaching enormous importance to the issue.

Assailant seeks safety of victim

PORTLAND, Maine, March 28, (AP): A man who spent three years in prison for aggravated assault asked a judge Monday to stop doctors from unhooking the victim's life support system.

Noel Pagan's interest in the case is simple: If Mark Weaver dies, Pagan could be charged with murder.

"My client has the right to intervene," Pagan's attorney, Robert Mullin, told probate court judge Dana Childs. "He has the right to be heard."

But an attorney for Weaver's family, Charles Kadish, said Pagan should have no legal standing in the case.

"The issue at this hearing is what is in Weaver's best interests," Kadish said. "What Pagan is trying to do is not in Mark Weaver's best interest" but rather an effort to deny Weaver's right "to determine his own medical treatment."

Pagan stabbed Weaver in 1985, and the victim lapsed into a coma when the neck wounds prevented oxygen from reaching his brain. Weaver, who doctors say is in a "permanent vegetative state" with no hope of recovery, is under his mother's care at her Portland home.



Astronaut Mary Cleave

Rebirth of US space programme

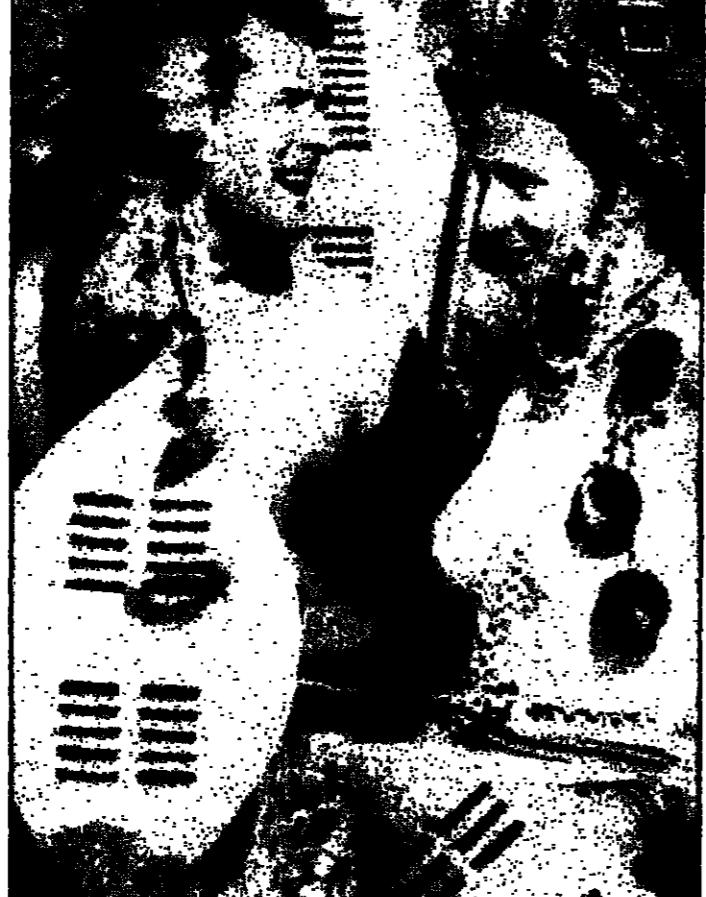
HOUSTON, March 28, (Reuters): The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis, set for an April 28 launch, said yesterday they hope their mission will rekindle interest in the moribund US planetary exploration programme.

For the first time in the shuttle programme, a planetary probe is to be deployed from the orbiter and launched into deep space. The \$380-million Magellan satellite will travel on to Venus and map the surface of the planet.

Flight commander David Walker told a news conference that the Magellan deployment represents the "logical marriage" of the US space agency NASA's manned and unmanned operations.

The astronauts said the Venus probe may shed light on the so-called "greenhouse effect" a global warming trend, and on plate tectonics, the movement of large land masses.

The planetary space programme "has been in the doldrums because of funding problems and the recent lack of launch vehicles," Walker said. The United States has not launched a planetary expedition in 12 years.



Zulu wedding

'White Zulu' singing star Johnny Clegg and his wife Jenny celebrate a Zulu wedding attended by the tribe's King Goodwill Zwelithini in the community he calls home. (Reuters photo)

On the light side

Yasmin has fears of illness

BOSTON, March 28, (AP): Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, who nursed her mother, actress Rita Hayworth, until her death from Alzheimer's disease, said she worries she will get the illness and would want euthanasia if she did. She credits her harmonious relationship with her mother with her ability to support Hayworth throughout her illness, the Boston Sunday Globe reported. Hayworth, star of such films as *Miss Sadie Thompson* and *Gilda*, died in 1987 at age 68.

Mother Teresa to visit US

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 28, (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa is scheduled to attend the June 4 dedication of a shelter for the homeless that her religious order is opening in Memphis. Mother Teresa, who won the Nobel peace prize in 1979, is also to take part in a service the same day commemorating the 15th anniversary of the first Roman Catholic mass performed in the city. Four sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, an order founded by Mother Teresa, are setting up a shelter for homeless women and children here.

Prince Philip escapes injury

LONDON, March 28, (AP): Prince Philip escaped injury when his horse-drawn carriage turned over in the grounds of Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace said. The 67-year-old husband of Queen Elizabeth II was at the reins of a four-in-hand carriage pulled by balmoral fell ponies, about 300 yards (metres) from the castle stables, when one of the carriage wheels hit a concrete post, said a palace spokesman.

Actress denies drug addiction

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): Actress Kristy McNichol refused to continue working on the movie "Just The Way You Are" in 1982 and rumours flew that she was a drug addict, an alcoholic or a manic depressive. She denies the rumours in an interview with People magazine that it was an emotional breakdown that caused her to leave the set. "I was totally out of control," said McNichol, 26.

Lobster finds a home

OMAHA, Nebraska, March 28, (AP): A lobster who escaped the jaws of death when a woman could not bring herself to eat him has found a home at the Henry Doorly Zoo. The 24-pound (10.9-kilogramme) crustacean called Clyde was the prize in a January supermarket promotion, but the contest winner decided against making a meal out of him and the Omaha Zoo took him temporarily.

Chinese man may rejoin his Italian wife

BEIJING, March 28, (AP): Chinese authorities are ready to let a Chinese man rejoin his pregnant Italian wife — provided he clears up what they regard as slanderous charges against the government, an Italian embassy official said today.

"We've been told several times by the Chinese government that they are willing to permit him to join his wife" once a dispute over his departure from United Nations post in Geneva, where he met his wife, is resolved, first secretary Maria Asunta Accioli Sabbatini of the embassy said.

She said Zhu Jiwang, 28, is now in Shanghai

waiting for permission to leave China. His wife, Patrizia Riccardo, 33, said on Monday she will give birth in a camper parked outside the Chinese embassy in Rome to protest China's refusal to give him a passport.

The child, her second by Zhu, is due within a few days.

Mrs. Sabbatini said Chinese authorities have accused Zhu of slandering the government in a letter written to the United Nations in which he reportedly says he was forced to quit his job because of his marriage to a foreigner.

US revenue manual

No way to avoid taxes

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): It would take something more than a nuclear attack to wipe out an American taxpayer's obligation.

An addition to the internal revenue manual supposed to guide the conduct of all employees of the Internal Revenue Service — the federal agency in charge of tax collecting — acknowledges that collection might suffer if the bomb is dropped. But once the emergency is over, the manual declares, "operations will be concentrated on collecting the taxes which will produce the greater revenue yield."

IRS spokesman Johnell Hunter said that the new section — titled "National Emergency Operations" — was added to the manual in response to a directive to government departments from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The two-page policy statement is dated Dec. 14, 1988.

In the event of a national emergency (especially resulting from nuclear attack) the primary function of the service is to support the Secretary of the Treasury, the manual states. "This support as a minimum will consist of analysing and reporting upon emergency tax legislation, prescribing regulations and forms, issuing ruling and technical information of an emergency nature."

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No response Najib invites rebels for talks

ISLAMABAD, March 28. (Agencies): Afghan President Najib has repeated an invitation to rebel commanders to attend peace talks to end the country's 10-year war and to take a share in government.

In a broadcast over the official Kabul Radio, monitored in Islamabad, he said he was awaiting a positive response from the rebels.

The Western-backed rebels have rejected Kabul's previous peace offers and refused to share power with Najib's People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The latest appeal was addressed only to what Najib called "opposition commanders inside Afghanistan." He asked them not to take orders from Pakistan-based rebel leaders, who set up a government-in-exile last month.

He said the rebels rejected previous peace offers on the grounds that Soviet troops were in the country.

"Now we have no Russians, so why is there war?", he said referring to the Soviet troop withdrawal completed last month under UN-mediated Geneva accords.

"You want government, so let us have a 'jirga' (traditional council) in a peaceful atmosphere," he said. "We all must sit together, make a ceasefire as a first step and then build a government in our home."

"We do not say the country belongs to the PDPA. The country belongs to all of us."

Najib said that while inviting the rebel commanders to peace talks, he was not asking them to surrender arms. "You can keep the weapons with yourselves."

He said if the rebel commanders were not ready for talks, they should for the present have a ceasefire in their areas. "Slowly we will come together for peace talks."

For three weeks rebel forces have been mounting an offensive against the eastern town of Jalalabad which they want to use as a base for an interim government.

Afghan Muslim insurgents said today they had established a military committee to co-ordinate battle strategy in the wake of their stalled assault on Afghanistan's vital eastern city of Jalalabad.

"There has been terrible coordination in Jalalabad," said a guerrilla source, who spoke on condition he not be identified. Coupled with the confused military strategy, rebels are using antiquated and at times nonexistent communications systems, he said.

The rebels, known as the mujahedeen, are trying to overthrow Afghanistan's Marxist government, which had been backed by Soviet troops.

Although the Soviet troops withdrew last month, the government has maintained control of the country's large cities, including Jalalabad and the capital, Kabul.

An Afghan source said the Soviet troop withdrawal put pressure on the US-backed guerrillas to capture of a major city as a show of strength.

Jalalabad, which sits on the strategic trade route between Pakistan and Afghanistan, has been the target. It is 45 miles (75 kilometres) west of the border.

"The timing was perhaps ... wrong," said a rebel source. "The time pressure put in everybody's mind the idea of a quick victory."

Move to rebuild Jewish temple

Search for desert caves

QUMRAN, Israel, March 28. (AP): For 21 years, Vendyl Jones has been using the Dead Sea scrolls like a treasure map to search these desert caves for riches of the Jewish temple buried by the ancient Israelites.

Among the lost artefacts he hopes to recover, are the ashes of the Red Heifer, which according to the Old Testament were derived from burning a rare, solid-red cow and using the ashes for purification rites by the ancient Israelites.

Many orthodox Jews and Christian fundamentalists believe that finding the ashes would be a step toward fulfilling the Biblical prophecy of rebuilding the Jewish temple on the Temple Mount. Currently the site of the Muslim holy shrines Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa mosque.

"The ashes are the future. This will allow the establishment of the Third Temple," said Jones, 58, a former minister from Texas.

"To me, that's worth 10,000 King Tut tombs," he said, referring to the spectacular ancient Egyptian treasure recovered in 1922 at Luxor.

But archaeologists are sceptical about the merits of consulting the Dead Sea scrolls to search for Biblical artefacts, arguing that the so-called copper scroll — the key to Jones' so-called — should be treated primarily as a mystical document.

Rabbi Menachem Burstein, one of a small number of rabbis trained to use the ashes if they

are recovered, said the ancient relics would be used to purify Jews so they could enter the Temple Mount without defiling it.

"If it's clear the ashes are authentic, it can help us prepare for building the new temple," he said. "For nearly 2,000 years there haven't been any ashes."

However, any attempt to restore a Jewish temple on the site would be certain to stir tensions throughout the Muslim world.

The Romans destroyed the second Israelite temple in 70 AD. A religious ruling has banned Orthodox Jews from visiting the Temple Mount so they would not walk on the holy site without being purified.

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Among the missing treasures are gold, silver, the vestments of high priests, balsam oil used to anoint the Israelite kings and the original Israelite tabernacle built by Moses and Aaron.

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Thatcher calls for Mideast peace

MARRAKESH, March 28. (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in Morocco on the first leg of a six-day African tour, has made an urgent call for immediate efforts to stabilise the Middle East situation.

Thatcher was speaking at a banquet in her honour last night hosted by King Hassan during a 24-hour visit to Marrakesh on her way to Southern Africa.

"No one should be in doubt that the present situation in the Middle East is fundamentally unstable and cannot continue," she said. "It is time for well-prepared negotiations to begin."

Never has the need for a solution been more urgent."

The British leader favours an international Middle East peace conference as a means of trying to solve the conflict.

Thatcher noted that King Hassan, unusually for an Arab leader, had held talks in 1986 with Shimon Peres, then Israel's prime minister.

Calling it a "courageous move," she told the Moroccan monarch: "As you said then, nothing is ever lost by exploring the views of

one's opponents. That is an example from which Israel can learn."

She said: "I would like to see Britain and Morocco co-operate in helping to bring the Israelis and the Palestinians together."

Thatcher, heading for southern Africa on a peace mission, stopped today in Lagos for talks with Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida.

Thatcher, who flew in from Morocco, was having lunch with Babangida before going later Tuesday to Zimbabwe, the centre point of the African tour.



Margaret Thatcher inspects an honour guard at the Royal Palace in Marrakesh before meeting King Hassan. (Reuters wirephoto)



Remembering a martyr

A member of the Palestine Popular Army carries a large knife as he and other members march through the West Bank village with an empty coffin. The march marked the first anniversary of the killing of a village youth by Israeli troops. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq to pay \$27 million

Accord on compensation

WASHINGTON, March 28. (AP): The United States and Iraq have reached a tentative agreement for Iraq to pay \$27.3 million to the families of American sailors killed in the 1987 missile attack on the USS Stark, the State Department announced today.

"The government of Iraq has agreed to pay over \$27 million as full compensation for the deaths," said spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

The agreement totals about 92 per cent of the

amount the United States was seeking for the families of the 37 sailors. It was accepted after what amounted to a take-it-or-leave-it offer to a delegation of State and Defence Department officials that travelled to Baghdad, administration officials said.

The officials who insisted on anonymity, said the American delegation had been called in to see Iraqi Foreign Minister Taqiq Aziz yesterday and told that this was what (Iraqi) President (Saddam) Hussein had decided."



UN chief plans to visit Sahara for talks

UNITED NATIONS, March 28. (AP): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says he will visit Western Sahara if it will spur progress on his peace plan for the territory, where Marxist rebels are battling the Moroccan Army.

"I'm not in a position to say when, right at this time, but it is something that I have in my mind," Perez de Cuellar told the Associated Press.

He commented after meeting separately with envoys from Morocco and the Polisario Front, which is fighting for the independence of the former Spanish colony.

Last August, the parties agreed in principle to observe a ceasefire and hold a referendum on whether the arid, sparsely settled land will become an independent nation or will be affiliated with Morocco.

Discussion of the details of the plan have gone on since then.

On Monday, Moroccan UN Ambassador Driss Salouli and Polisario envoy Bechir Mustapha met with Perez de Cuellar.

The Moroccan left without commenting on the talks.

The United Nations has drafted a plan to send about 2,000 peacekeepers to Western Sahara to monitor the referendum and make sure the Army or Polisario do not intimidate voters.

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Israeli Arabs urged to join the uprising

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28. (Agencies): Underground leaders of a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories have urged Israeli Arabs to join the revolt ahead of a key Arab nationalist anniversary this week.

In the occupied West Bank, an Israeli policeman shot dead a four-year-old Palestinian boy yesterday after being stoned by protesters during a general strike, police sources said.

The boy was the second youngest Palestinian killed in the 15-month uprising.

The latest leaflet from the PLO-backed unified leadership of the uprising called for Israel's 700,000 Arabs to join the revolt: "Let your efforts in support of the intifada (uprising) and in asserting your Palestinian identity be united."

It also called for a new strike and confrontation on Land Day, when Israel's Arabs commemorate the 1976 killing of six comrades in protests against the seizure of Arab land. The anniversary falls on Thursday.

"Unify all efforts to celebrate this glorious anniversary by a general strike, complete disobedience and an escalation of confrontations," the leaflet said.

Past appeals by Palestinians to Israeli Arabs have been widely ignored but both Palestinians and Israelis regard Land Day as a test of strength for the revolt against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza, which were captured in 1967.

Israeli authorities hope Land Day will pass peacefully, enabling them to take conciliatory steps such as reopening Palestinian schools and releasing Arab prisoners for the Muslim Ramadan holiday, security sources said.

Israel closed the occupied territories for three days this time last year — then an unprecedented step in the revolt — and made mass arrests. But Palestinians defied the crackdown and Israeli troops shot dead four protesters on Land Day.

Israeli authorities are unlikely to take such stern measures this year to avoid antagonising the United States ahead of next week's visit Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for important talks with President Bush.

Security sources said the Army would probably close off the territories to journalists and concentrate on preventing Palestinian militants from entering Israeli Arab villages near the border of the West Bank to stir up unrest.

Police said they would also deploy 5,000 officers and soldiers in Israel to prevent violence and were meeting heads of Arab local councils to discourage demonstrations. There was virtually no Israeli Arab unrest last year on Land Day.

Shamir plans to propose elections in the occupied territories as a way to open peace talks with Palestinians while avoiding direct contact with the PLO, a senior official said.

"In the land of Israel there can be just one country, the state of Israel," Shamir said yesterday at a gathering of senior members of his right-wing Likud bloc in Tel Aviv.

Israel's police chief said yesterday that officers confronting Palestinian rioters are permitted to disguise themselves as journalists by putting "press" signs on their cars.

Journalists said the police decision needlessly endangers the lives of correspondents working in the occupied territories and annexed east Jerusalem and planned to retaliate by putting "police on duty" signs on their vehicles.

The United States showed cautious progress in its view of the Palestinian question during talks in Tunis last week, a PLO official said yesterday.

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Islamists leading intifada

Paris highlights religious trend in Palestinian resistance

PARIS, March 28. (KUNA): A French newspaper today highlighted the growing religious trend in the Palestinian resistance, saying the Islamists are leading the revolt in Israeli-occupied Gaza.

Although the struggle against Israeli occupation goes in conjunction with that of the pro-PLO elements, Le Figaro daily said the Islamists find many points of divergence with mainstream Palestinians.

It quoted a leader of the Islamist movement in Gaza, Dr Mohammad Al Zahar as saying "the Palestinian revolution has been captured by the communists of the PLO," thus complaining about the secular multi-sect character of the PLO.

He said that his movement opposes the ongoing US-Palestinian dialogue "because through this dialogue the Americans want an end to the uprising in the occupied lands ... they only think of us as idiots and their only goal is to serve their Israeli allies."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Prince audiences

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Tuesday received at his divan in the Bayan Palace the participants in Kuwait's 11th Exhibition of Arab Formative Artists held under the auspices of His Highness.

The meeting was attended by Board Chairman and members of Kuwait Society for Formative Arts Mahmoud Al Ridhwan.

The Crown Prince also received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, Communications Minister Abdulla Al Sharhan, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Ossimi.

Seminar for travel agents

THE local Interline Reservation Group of Kuwait will hold a seminar for travel agents on April 2, at the Plaza Hotel. They will discuss aspects of offering improved and better services to the public. The seminar has been sponsored by 15 airlines.

Graduation ceremony

UNDER the auspices of HH the Amir, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, who has deputised on his behalf Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber, the 19th group of conscript officers will graduate tomorrow.

The graduation ceremony will be attended by Army Chief of Staff Mezyed Al Sanea, Ministry of Defence Undersecretary Faiz Al Dawood and a number of senior officials, and the parents of the graduates.

Visiting dignitaries

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Homoud Abdullah Al Rqobi received at his office today the Pakistani minister for labour and manpower, along with the delegation accompanying him on his visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by the Pakistani ambassador to Kuwait and Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Abdulla Al Ghoul.

Expats can own houses

KUWAITI law does not prohibit non-Kuwaitis from owning flats or houses provided approval of relevant authorities has been obtained, according to a senior Kuwaiti official.

Minister of Finance, Jassim Al Khorafi, denied any linkage between the issue of permanent residence of non-Kuwaitis and the ownership of residential accommodation. He added that the Council of Ministers reviews all such applications within the framework of regulations.

Khorafi, commenting on the decision of the Civil Service Commission to offer allowances instead of free accommodation to some public servants, said this decision will in no way affect the real estate market.

The official said that the Ministry of Finance deals with only 100 landlords, whereas real estate market dealings are spread amongst about 5,000 landlords.

The decision of the Civil Service Commission to provide allowances instead of free accommodation will tend to create a healthier real estate market as public servants will be an added source of customers in this market, he said.



Prince Mut'eb visits housing project.

201,440 traffic cases in 1988

321 deaths

THERE were a total of 201,440 traffic offences committed in Kuwait last year, according to a senior traffic official.

Addressing a function held yesterday at the SAS Hotel to honour GCC policemen on the occasion of the GCC Traffic Week, Director-General of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Faud Musaad Al Saleh said that 34 per cent of registered vehicles violated traffic rules and 29 per cent of the drivers in Kuwait were cited for traffic offences last year.

He said that there were 321 deaths and 2,575 injuries as a result of the 18,378 traffic accidents during 1988. These accidents also involved major material damage, the cost of which is estimated in a research study by the department in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) at KD129 million in one year.

The results of such wide-scale traffic surveys are the basis for appraising the efficiency and feasibility of traffic work related activities. Based on these studies, special plans are being drawn up to reduce traffic accidents and the resultant social and economic damage. These efforts need the positive support of the public, Saleh said.

He added that the activities of the GCC Traffic Week were aimed at further consolidating inter-GCC co-operation in the field of traffic, and developing the co-ordination of executive steps in this direction.

The official attached great significance to traffic rules, and said that it strongly reflects the stage of civilised development of a given society in aspiring towards Haji pilgrims.

Speaking on the transport scene in Kuwait, Abdul Wahab Al Haroon, the chairman and managing director at Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC), said the company operates a fleet of 2,583 vehicles with a complement of 5,633 employees.

He said that KPTC provides collective transport through route networks covering all the country's areas through 56 routes. The company carried 119 million passengers on 739 vehicles along a 76 million kilometre route during 1988, he said.

Additionally, the company has contracted to provide transport services to various ministries and public institutions as well as providing convoys for Hajj pilgrims.

OICC to hold reception

Airport tax hike resented



Mrs. Rachel Sunny Panavelli

THE Overseas Indians' Cultural Congress (OICC) has complained about the 200 per cent airport tax hike in India, in a memorandum addressed to the Indian prime minister, and submitted to Mrs. Rachel Sunny Panavelli, a former Kerala assembly member, who is visiting Kuwait.

It said the "200 per cent hike in airport tax is vindictive" and "unbearable." The tax is levied on all passengers, including children under 12, leaving India by air.

The OICC has also urged Indian planners to take measures to "rehabilitate Indians returning from the Gulf." Other issues raised by the group include high air fares, revision of the present customs and baggage allowance for Indians, and Air-India services.

The OICC will hold a public reception today for Mrs. Panavelli at the Indian embassy hall at 7.30 pm. Mrs. Sudha Gupta, the president of a ladies club, will address the gathering.

All expatriate Americans must file

Taxman in Kuwait to help US citizens

By Diane Diaz
Arab Times staff

IT'S that time of year again for US citizens. The dreaded income tax deadline of April 15th is right around the corner.

The good news is that an official IRS taxman is here in Kuwait to help make things a bit easier.

Jon Wilcox, an Internal Revenue Service official based in Chicago, is holding tax seminars and one-on-one consultations through Sunday at the American embassy.

Wilcox, an IRS veteran of 15 years, said he's here to show US expatriates and resident aliens how to eliminate US income tax on their foreign earned income. That is, all foreign income up to \$70,000.

But, it's certainly not as easy as it may sound. And that means all US citizens and aliens should perk up their ears and pay attention to his number one message:

"They assume, because they're working abroad, that they don't have to file. That's not true," Wilcox explained.

"They all have to file to get the \$70,000 exemption."

Most expatriates believe they don't have to pay US income tax if they're living and working abroad, Wilcox continued. But, he added, they are still subject to the same tax laws as all US citizens and resident aliens.

To start with, taxpayers living abroad must prove that they have a legitimate claim to file for the foreign earned income exclusion.

The taxpayer must either pass a "physical presence" test or prove that he is a bona fide resident of a foreign country for a full year.

To qualify under the physical presence test a person must prove that he has been outside of the United States for at least 330

days during any 12 month period.

All resident aliens applying for the foreign earned income exclusion must pass the physical presence test.

US citizens have the choice of using that test or the bona fide residence test to their advantage.

To qualify under the bona fide residence test a person must be a legal resident of a foreign country for an uninterrupted period that includes a complete tax year.

Under this category, US citizens are not limited on how much time they can spend in the country.

Taxpayers who qualify under one of these categories are entitled to the foreign earned income exclusion. They must still, however, file form 1040 in addition to form 2555.

Wilcox explained that individuals are responsible for paying taxes on all types of income.

Mut'eb praises design

Saudi prince inspects Rabia project

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): Saudi Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Mut'eb Bin Abdul Aziz yesterday inspected the government Rabia Housing Project, which he described as an accomplishment that all Arab Gulf countries can be proud of.

The Saudi prince, in a statement to KUNA, particularly praised the design of the project and hoped that it would be copied by other members of the GCC.

Prince Mut'eb was accompanied by Kuwaiti State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, the Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait Sheikh Abdalla

Bin Abdul Aziz Al Sedeiri and senior officials of the Kuwait National Housing Authority.

Prince Mut'eb arrived in Kuwait two days ago, said such an exchange of visits would strengthen fraternal ties and cooperation between the two sides through consultations and exchange of expertise.

The Saudi minister, accompanied by Roudhan, later headed for Ahmad where they were received by Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem and senior officials of the governorate.

Prince Mut'eb toured the exhibit of the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC)

which portrays the growth of the oil industry in Kuwait.

The Ahmadi governor later hosted the Saudi prince to lunch at the KOC club.

Previously HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah had hosted a dinner banquet on Monday evening at Shaab Palace in honour of the visiting Saudi minister.

The earlier function was attended by sheikhs, ministers, members of the accompanying Saudi delegation, the kingdom's ambassador to Kuwait and senior staff of the National Housing Authority.

New plan to cope with large-scale disasters

LONDON, March 28. (KUNA): Kuwait is developing "a disaster plan" which will enable its hospitals to cope with injuries on a large scale, according to a special magazine here Tuesday.

The London-based Middle-East Health said that the plan will enhance other national emergency services and procedures for implementing it.

The new measures will make the nationwide emergency services in Kuwait complete and highly efficient, the monthly publication added.

Initially some seven years ago the plan was the task of the Chief of Ambulance, Abdul Rida Al Abas.

He began by liaising with public authorities primarily the Ministry of Health and the police, it added.

The magazine also suggested that Abas has "modelled" the country's disaster response on "the well-established programme at centres in the US."

But it also recalled that in the last few years the national emergency services have grown to include transport, helicopter support, telemetering devices, two-way telephones, long range beeps, and contingency plans for evacuating hospitals and using clinics.

In Kuwait, the first batch of civil defence volunteers today tested their capabilities by taking part in an artificial rescue operation following a planned collapse of a several-storey building which caught fire later on.

The artificial disaster was organised in the densely populated Hawally area where 250 volunteers from civil defence took part.

Meanwhile, Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said today Kuwait is living a state of political and security stability under the leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier and citizens are enjoying the grace of justice and equality.

During his meeting on Monday evening with the first batch of civil defence volunteers, Sheikh Salem greeted the group who willingly volunteered to serve their homeland and the security of their people.

Medication mix-up

Detergent kills patient

By Salem Al Wawani

A JORDANIAN national identified as Adel, who was admitted to Jahra Hospital for treatment of acute diarrhoea, expired due to being mistakenly administered a chemical detergent, according to the Daily Star.

The daily said that 50-year-old Adel, married with four children, was admitted to the hospital's general medicine clinic on March 11 and registered under file No. 0049259.

The daily added that the attending physician diagnosed the case and prescribed the necessary medicine to be brought from the hospital pharmacy. As there was considerable delay in the arrival of the medicine, the physician himself went to bring the medicament.

On his way to the pharmacy, he met a cleaning

labourer carrying a bottle. The physician asked the labourer if it was the medicine and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, took the bottle and administered the contents to the patient. The bottle contained cleaning detergent.

Immediately, the patient's colour changed to blue and he was rushed to the intensive care unit where it was diagnosed that the patient died because of heart problems, respiratory disorder and kidney failure. The patient expired on March 26 at 12.30 pm.

A non-criminal case has been recorded at Jahra police station under file number 64/1989. The body of the deceased has been referred to the authorities for post mortem.

Sources said that the doctor had been suspended and referred to the Health Ministry's investigative office.

All senior government officials are Kuwaitis

UNTIL recently there were no plans or policies formulated in the GCC states, and in this respect the year 1985 marks the beginning of the process in this direction, according to an official at Kuwait University.

Dr. Nasef Abdul Khaleq, professor at the Kuwait University Faculty of Commerce speaking at a lecture on administration development in the GCC stated

that 100 per cent of the senior officials in Kuwait's public sector are Kuwaitis, followed by 84 per cent in the UAE, 80 per cent in Bahrain and 35 per cent in Qatar.

Khaleq added that some GCC states had successfully experimented with administrative applications specially tailored to their individual needs. He cited Oman as an example where Omani nationals have borne the cost of some services since the reduction in oil income from 62 per cent in 1980 to 47 per cent in 1985. These charges increased from 48 million Omani riyals in 1980 to 180 million riyals in 1985.

Kuwait has taken some time to develop pragmatic methods and set up administrative bodies in 1988 to address this issue, Khaleq said.

He went on to state that there are some environmental and social hurdles that hinder administrative development in the GCC states such as: imbalance in population and manpower between nationals and expatriates; weak economic abilities to achieve development; difference between educational programmes and actual needs of the local market; dependence on oil revenues as the main source of income; poor productivity with increased costs of production; over-consumption; weak participation of citizens and expatriates in their respective national economies; and unsound development plans and policies.

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ROPME meets

Efforts to remove mines

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): Official commissioners empowered to sign a draft regime related to maritime pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf met here Tuesday.

Deputy executive secretary of the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) Dr Badriya Al Awadi said in an opening address the purpose of the meeting is to review the three proposed texts of the protocol in English, Arabic and Farsi.

Al Awadi said the achievement of such a protocol would boost efforts by the countries of

the region and ROPME in maintaining the maritime environment against pollution caused by exploring and exploiting the continental shelf in the sea area.

Meanwhile, ecological experts called for removal of all sunken ships and other objects that endanger the marine environment.

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Thought for today

WE think according to nature. We speak according to rules. We act according to custom — Francis Bacon, English writer (1561-1626).

Waiting game

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON. (AP): Terry Anderson is two weeks into his fifth year as a hostage in Beirut and business is proceeding about as usual, which means that none is evident.

For the hostages, business as usual means only waiting.

Now that the four-year anniversary observances are over, the hostage issue is back on the shelf, an agonizing, frustrating riddle in which nine Americans are held captive and silent by Muslim extremists who are themselves silent most of the time.

After a Washington ceremony on the Anderson anniversary date, March 16, there were going to be commemorative yellow ribbons on display around Congress, and a resolution seeking action to end the hostage ordeal, although no specific step was or could be proposed.

Neither yellow ribbons to recall the captives nor resolutions are in evidence. Not that they would change the situation, but it has dragged now to the point at which symbols become substitutes for acts no one has been able to devise.

President George Bush suggested as he took office two months ago that moves by Iran to assist the hostages, to establish contact and help gain their release, would be a significant step toward a time of better relations with the United States.

There was no response. He has said no more on the subject.

That is the standstill into which Jesse Jackson now proposes to move with a renewed humanitarian campaign for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon. Fifteen are known to be held, nine of them Americans.

Jackson said they shouldn't be left out of mind because they are out of sight.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, has been held longer than any other hostage. He and Jackson became acquainted when Anderson covered the release of Navy Lieutenant Robert Goodman, a downed flier held for a month by the Syrians. Jackson went to Damascus to appeal for Goodman's release and to escort him home.

He said he would go back to the Middle East now to work for the release of Anderson and the others if he had leads, contacts and indications such a mission would help.

First, he said, there should be a humanitarian appeal in messages on radio, on television and in Lebanese newspaper advertisements. He is looking for sponsors to finance that effort.

"In Lebanon, the captors are basically nameless and faceless," he said in an interview at his Chicago headquarters. "Therefore the appeal has to be broad-based appeal to religious and political leaders and others who care."

The black civil rights activist and two-time Democratic presidential candidate said such appeals were making headway and might have succeeded in 1985, but were undercut by the US government arms deals with Iran.

Two American hostages were freed during the arms dealings.

Jackson invited the interview on his projected renewal of public appeals in Lebanon for release of the hostages. He said private appeals can work. "We should not interfere with the government in its efforts," Jackson said. "But the government's efforts are both modest and ineffective."

He acknowledged that he doesn't know what efforts the Bush administration is planning or making for the hostages.

Humanitarian appeals have been made before, and have failed before. Indeed, one of the men who made them, Terry Waite, envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was himself kidnapped on Jan. 20, 1987, and remains hostage.

The captors, after all, are no humanitarians. But Jackson said they cannot operate without the tacit support, or at least acquiescence, of the society around them.

Preferring martial law

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Ethnic Albanians are rioting in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province in a last-ditch effort to prevent Serbian rule and provoke martial law as the lesser of two evils, Western and Yugoslav analysts said.

On Monday a curfew was ordered after riots erupted in major towns in the southern province and two policemen were shot dead.

Riot police fired automatic rifles as helicopters dropped tear-gas. Some battles raged into the night.

Tanks and troops, deployed in Kosovo under limited emergency measures declared last month to end a general strike, were sent to at least one town in a show of force.

"It looks like a desperate attempt by Albanians to force the state to declare martial law in Kosovo," said one Yugoslav political analyst.

"Martial law would be the lesser of two evils in the eyes of many Albanians. They would prefer that rather than to be ruled by Serbia," a Western diplomatic analyst said.

Last Thursday Kosovo's Parliament adopted curbs on the province's autonomy within Serbia, the largest of the six Yugoslav republics, in what some Albanians dubbed a shotgun wedding.

The changes, due to be proclaimed as law on Tuesday, give Serbia control of Kosovo's police, courts, civil defence and official appointments plus a free hand to make further inroads.

An ethnic Albanian intellectual said Albanians fear massive repression and persecution by Serbian police and that they would feel a measure of protection if the Army took over.

"The Albanians no longer have anything to lose, and the latest riots are their last-ditch effort to stop the Serbs," said another Yugoslav analyst. "They may even resort to guerrilla warfare or terrorism."

Kosovo's 1.7 million Albanians outnumber Serbs there by eight to one. Kosovo Serbs accuse Albanians of terrorising them and of seeking to join the province to neighbouring Albania.

Martial law was imposed in Kosovo in April 1981 after separatist riots with an official death toll of nine. Political institutions were suspended and the province was sealed off.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1629 — Edict of restitution of church property in Germany, whereby all property secularized since Peace of Augsburg (1555) is restored to Catholic Church.
 1792 — Sweden's King Gustavus III is assassinated.
 1801 — Britain seizes Danish and Swedish islands in West Indies.
 1830 — Spain's King Ferdinand VII passes law allowing females to be heirs to throne.
 1849 — Britain annexes Punjab in India by treaty with Maharajah of Lahore.
 1864 — Ionian Islands are ceded by Britain to Greece.
 1946 — New constitution in Gold Coast, which becomes first British African colony with majority of Africans in legislature.
 1947 — National revolt against France in Madagascar begins.
 1951 — Chinese government rejects US offer for truce discussions in Korea.
 1967 — France launches its first nuclear submarine.
 1972 — Government of Bolivia orders 119 members of Soviet embassy staff to leave country — accusing embassy of financing leftist rebel movements.
 1973 — Last American troops leave South Vietnam, ending direct military role of United States in Vietnam war.
 1977 — US and Soviet negotiators, meeting in Moscow, agree to set up committees to seek solutions to several arms control and diplomatic problems.
 1988 — Bomb planted in jeep kills at least four Soviets in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Boost to Saudi-Iraq ties

By Lee Stokes

MANAMA, Bahrain. (UPI): Saudi Arabia's growing concern about Iran appears to have persuaded the kingdom to brush aside earlier reservations about aiding the post-war economic recovery of Iraq.

Any second thoughts King Fahd might have had on bank-rolling Iraq in the aftermath of last year's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war apparently vanished after his weekend visit to Baghdad, the first visit by a Saudi monarch in nearly 30 years.

The move which perhaps more than anything else epitomised the new relationship was Monday's signing of a non-aggression pact between the two Arab states.

The pact stipulates "non-interference in the two countries' internal affairs and banning the use of force between the two countries," according to Iraq's official news agency.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made no bones about the debt his country owed Saudi Arabia for its aid during the eight-year Gulf war. He publicly admitted for the first time that Riyadh not only helped finance Iraq's war machine but also allowed the Saudi Red Sea port of Al Qazam to be used to transport to Baghdad military and other supplies from France and the Soviet Union.

Fahd pledged to foot a sizable chunk of the multi-billion dollar bill for reconstructing Iraq's battered southern port city of Basra. He also promised to bankroll reconstruction of an Iraqi nuclear reactor which Israeli planes destroyed during a 1981 bombing raid.

During the Gulf war, Saudi Arabia suppressed concern that Hussein was seeking to turn Iraq into a regional superpower, but last summer's UN-negotiated ceasefire resurrected old Gulf Arab fears.

However, seven months after the cessation of hostilities, Iraq remains buried under a crippling war debt and a war-shattered economy.

For a while, Saudi contacts with moderates in the Iranian leadership looked promising for restoring relations which the kingdom severed last April. Two Gulf allies, Kuwait and Bahrain, rushed to restore diplomatic ties with Tehran in a move also seen as playing off Iran against Iraq.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid

meantime said the royal visit would have a positive impact in pushing ahead peace in the Middle East and reaching a just solution to the Palestinian issue.

Abdel Meguid said the visit carries special weight at this stage of the Palestinian conflict, during which promoting Arab solidarity is needed.

Other officials have said the talks between Fahd and President Hosni Mubarak would also deal with the situation in Lebanon and the Gulf, with particular emphasis on bilateral Egyptian-Saudi economic cooperation.

Mubarak earlier in the day appealed to the international community and Arab world to put an end to what he described as "the massacres being committed in Lebanon."

Fahd hailed Egyptian-Saudi ties and said collective efforts were needed to face intrigues and plot against Islam but did not elaborate.

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Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (right) receiving King Fahd on his arrival in Cairo.

Tradition and modernism

King Fahd a pragmatist

By John Fullerton

CAIRO. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who arrived in Egypt on Monday on a three-day tour, has been steering the kingdom into the modern world, since he assumed power.

He has ruled the world's biggest oil-exporting nation for nearly seven years with a steely pragmatism that weaves together the traditions of the desert with the faith of the Muslim ulema and Western-style development.

King Fahd's modest public manner and calm exterior have so far helped him preserve Saudi Arabia's leading role in the Arab world and enhance his ruling family's status at home.

It is Fahd's first visit to Egypt as king. He arrived from Baghdad, where he set his seal on a non-aggression pact with Iraq's President Saddam Hussein.

Diplomats say the king's Arab tour has special significance as Egypt and Iraq re-emerge to compete for leadership of an Arab world that has been largely under Saudi influence for a decade.

Egypt has returned to the Arab mainstream 10 years after it was ostracised for breaking Arab ranks and signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Iraq's Saddam has emerged from eight years of war against Iran with the Arab world's strongest military machine and a desire to reassess his country's

status as a key regional power. The Riyadh-Baghdad non-aggression pact was apparently designed to alleviate Gulf Arab concerns.

Diplomats say Fahd is pursuing a more active foreign policy aimed at healing Arab schisms and preventing the Arab world from fragmenting into rival blocs competing for influence.

One new group formally established last month joins Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen while another unites five North African states.

Fahd ibn Abdulaziz, 66, took over the reigns of government on June 13, 1982, on the death of his half-brother King Khaled to become the fifth sovereign of a state founded by his father, Abdulaziz ibn Saud.

All his political skills were needed at the outset. Saudi Arabia faced a global glut that depressed oil prices, squeezing the kingdom's massive development projects.

In October 1986 he showed a tough streak when he abruptly fired Ahmed Zaki Yamani as oil minister after Yamani had served in that tricky post for 24 years.

Oil prices plummetted that year from over \$30 a barrel to below 10 at one point, slashing the kingdom's revenue.

Press review

Radicals gaining

By Victor L. Simpson

ANKARA, (AP): Encouraged by a loosening of the military's hand and with help from neighbouring Iran, Islamic fundamentalists are gaining confidence and making political inroads in Turkey.

In Sunday's nation-wide local elections, the Prosperity Party, a fundamentalist political organisation, won 10 per cent of the vote and captured more mayorships than Premier Turgut Ozal's Motherland Party.

Prosperity, barred from running in local elections five years ago, shot up from 7.5 per cent of the vote it won in the 1987 general elections.

Fundamentalism is an extremely delicate issue in this country which, although overwhelmingly Islamic, has maintained a secular system decreed by Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern Turkish republic, in the 1920s.

While few see any dangers of an Islamic revolution of the type that swept Iran, there is concern that religious extremists could disrupt Turkey's plans to integrate with Western nations.

Prosperity, for example, opposes Turkey's membership in the Atlantic alliance and Turkey's bid to join the European Economic Community. It says that with EEC membership "we would lose our Muslim identity in the sea of infidels."

Turkey's powerful generals, who have considered it their duty to defend the Ataturk tradition, cracked down on the fundamentalists after seizing power in a coup in 1980.

A new constitution drawn up before they handed back power to civilians in 1983 expressly bans Islamic law, or sharia, that the fundamentalists had been demanding.

But during their rule of three years, the military did nothing to stop the mushrooming of religious schools and the proselytizing by several fundamentalist sects. The generals apparently wanted Islam as an antidote to leftist ideologies that had spawned the wave of terrorism in the 1970s.

The issue of fundamentalism took a critical turn during the election campaign when the constitutional court forbade female students from wearing traditional Muslim headcoverings on university campuses.

Hundreds of students and their supporters staged demonstrations in Turkey's major cities. Some of the protesters wore black head-toe chadors.

Premier Ozal, who combines devotion to Islam with westward yearnings, expressed sympathy with the students' demands.

Amid rumours that the military was growing increasingly impatient, Turkey's top general, Necip Torunay, took the unusual step of declaring the Army's loyalty to Turkish democracy.

Turkey has been angered by Iranian protests over the court ban on headcoverings. It has warned Iran not to meddle in its internal affairs.

In retaliation, Iran has threatened to reduce its imports from Turkey, according to a report Monday in the English-language Turkish daily news quoting unidentified treasury officials. Turkey has been hoping to get a share of reconstruction contracts in Iran following the ceasefire last August that ended eight years of war with Iraq.

Turkey also recently expressed displeasure over the spreading of Iranian religious pamphlets by Iran's consul-general in the city of Erzurum, in Turkey's rural east near the Iranian border.

In that area, the Prosperity Party won about 20 per cent of the vote in some cities.

"The headcovering issue is being used as a springboard to an Islamic revolution. It won't remain there but will spring to other issues as well," Ahmet Yucekot, a political science professor and a leading authority on religion in Turkey, said in a recent interview with Gunes newspaper.

"There is provocation from Iran. Iran is behind the fundamentalists as a state with money and agents. But our social structure is very different from Iran, it is not easy here," he said, pointing to the far more pluralistic nature of Turkish society.

Islam has flourished under democracy more than during the 27 years of single party rule after the establishment of the republic in 1923. Politicians apparently have seen the need to plug for the religious vote.

In the past decade, there has been a sharp increase in the building of new mosques, mosque attendance and the number of religious schools. The majority of Muslims in Turkey are Sunni, as opposed to Shiites in Iran.

Gencay Saylan, the author of a book in Islamic revival, attributed the strong showing by the Prosperity Party both to the future out of the headcovering controversy as well as general discontent with Ozal's Motherland Party.

"Some of that vote usually goes to the large conservative parties in general elections," he said. "This election is a real breakthrough for them (Prosperity)," he said in a telephone interview.

Press review

A strong front

ABU DHABI, (KUNA): A United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily commented editorially on a statement by Jordan's King Hussein indicating that members of the newly formed Arab Co-operation Council will attend a future Arab summit only if Egypt is also invited.

The paper said the statement besides reflecting Arab solidarity has a "strong symbolic value," as it came on the anniversary of the controversial Camp David treaty.

"King Hussein's remarks — in a way reminded the Arab world that it must formally readmit Egypt to its fold in order to strengthen the Arab front against Israel," it said.

"They also categorically reflected Egypt's shift away from (former Egyptian) President Sadat's policy of negotiating separate peace with Israel," it added.

The paper however, pointed out the Arab League has yet to admit Egypt back into the fold which is "apparently coming in the way of holding a long-pending regular Arab summit in Saudi Arabia."

It would, he said, make it essential for the leadership to decide soon to launch into a more radical version of "perestroika" economic restructuring, sweeping aside conservative resistance.

For Belyayev, who edits the free-monthly 20th Century and Peace, the message of the voting was not so different. "We've seen ebbs and flows in the past three or four years — like a tug of war with the rope being pulled in one direction and then the other."

"But now in these last days I have the feeling that we're on the winning team, that the perestroika people are winning out and not the conservatives after all."

Soviet elections delight reformers and shake a monolith

By Robert Evans

Party stalwarts busted by Soviets

Embarrassment for Gorbachev

MOSCOW, March 28, (Agencies): Voters casting ballots in the first multi-candidate elections in 70 years have stunningly rejected the status quo in the Soviet Union's most populous areas latest returns show.

Moscow's mayor, its No.2 Communist Party leader, five regional party chairmen in the Ukraine, and the Communist Party chiefs in Leningrad and Kiev were rejected by voters. The elections on Sunday were for representatives to the new Congress of People's Deputies devised by reform-minded Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.



Watered down

A Polish youth drenches a policeman on Easter Monday in a re-enactment of an ancient custom.

Brzezinski's analysis

Communism is dying

By Thomas Ginsberg

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): When the history of the 20th century is written, Zbigniew Brzezinski is sure the chapter on communism will read like an obituary. So sure that the former White House policy-maker already has it written.

"There is no doubt that we are all witnesses to an event of fundamental importance," Brzezinski said in a recent interview about his new book, *The Grand Failure: the birth and death of communism in the twentieth century*.

"This century to all of us, in different ways, was dominated by communism. Communism defined the philosophical debate, communism was the source of the cold war — the challenge. And that is now fading," said Brzezinski, national security advisor to former president Jimmy Carter.

Reviewers across the spectrum have praised the work. It was listed No. 9 on the Washington Post bestseller list last Sunday after less than three weeks in bookstores.

Even president George Bush is reading the book, according to Brzezinski. But the Polish-born scholar, who serves on Bush's independent foreign intelligence advisory board, wouldn't say how his views are influencing Bush's long-running foreign policy review.

"When an ideology ceases to motivate people, when it is discredited, when it is no longer a source for policy — it is dying, and that is what is happening. That's a momentous change," he said.

Brzezinski, who is credited with helping normalize US-Chinese relations in the late 1970s, says the failure of the communist command economy is at the heart of the ideology's failure.

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China plays down election

PEKING, March 28, (Reuter): China's newspapers have largely ignored the Soviet Union's historic general elections and diplomats said Soviet-style voting would wreak social chaos here.

Among Peking's Chinese language papers only the People's Daily reported the elections — in a short, factual back-page article. The English language China Daily displayed a foreign news agency report on its front page.

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Chinese have right to sue government

By William Kazee

PEKING, March 28, (Reuter): China's parliament on Tuesday introduced a bill that would let citizens sue their government, a move which legal specialists called an important step in establishing the rule of law.

But they said the bill, three years in preparation, fails to bar interference in the judicial system by the ruling Communist Party, a major disappointment to some law specialists.

"The formulation of this law is a big event in establishing China's legal system and a

significant step in advancing the nation's political democracy," said Wang Hanbin, vice chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

The draft law, which is approved could go into effect in April next year, was of great significance in protecting the rights of the citizens, said Wang.

It would allow citizens to sue the government to contest detention or fines as well as infringement of life or property, failing to fulfil administrative duties and the suspension of businesses or licences.

Suits related to matters of national defence

or foreign affairs would not be permitted. China has slowly begun reforming its legal system in recent years, setting a new constitution in 1982 and passing laws covering a broad range of areas from customs to patents and investment.

But lawyers say that its worst defect is the lack of independence of the judicial system as court decisions are too often determined by the interests of the Communist Party.

"This certainly is important," said Yu Haocheng, a noted legal specialist and deputy secretary-general of the Chinese law society.



Wan Li, chairman of the National People's Congress

Bush lawyer under fire

Public criticism of policy

By Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): The White House has rebuked President George Bush's legal counsel for raising an embarrassing challenge to a new agreement with Congress on Central America, dismissing his complaint as groundless.

The legal counsel, C. Boyden Gray, had suggested that the accord dilutes the constitutional powers of the US president.

White House officials made clear that Gray had blundered by publicly criticizing a policy that Bush had endorsed.

Press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said White House chief of staff John Sununu met with Gray and had "a polite discussion

about how things work in the White House."

The episode marked the second time in two months that Gray had shed the traditional anonymity of the counsel's position to pose a challenge to a new agreement with Congress on Central America, dismissing his complaint as groundless.

Gray ignited the latest controversy by telling the New York Times that the agreement Bush announced on Friday with Congress allows lawmakers to encroach too far on the constitutional powers of the president to conduct foreign affairs.

Super-quiet sub

A new Soviet Akula-class submarine, shown in this 1987 photo has military experts in the US worried. The sub has a top speed of 42 knots and experts believe it is super-quiet.

Lehman for arms control post

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): President George Bush will name a veteran national security official to an arms control post that became a focus of controversy under President Ronald Reagan, the White House has announced.

The announcement said Bush plans to nominate Ronald Frank Lehman II to be director of the Arms

Control and Disarmament Agency succeeding William F. Burns.

The arms control agency has usually been non-controversial, but became a storm centre when Reagan nominated Kenneth Adelman as its director after he took office in 1981.

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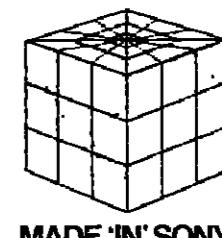
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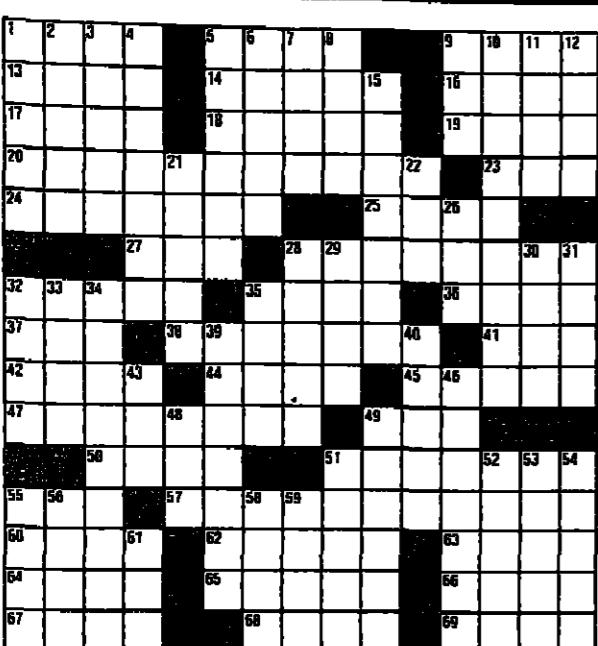
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A1093 ♦ A65 ♦ AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you respond?

A.—While you have the strength and distribution for a jump to two no trump, your prime values suggest that a suit contract might be better. Start a probe by bidding two clubs.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A1093 ♦ A65 ♦ AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—With only a single diamond stopper and one tenace, don't commit the hand to no trump yet. Just bid three hearts and see what partner does.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A1093 ♦ A65 ♦ AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—With only a single diamond stopper and one tenace, don't commit the hand to no trump yet. Just bid three hearts and see what partner does.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A1093 ♦ A65 ♦ AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—In the modern style, a jump shift response after a takeout double is preemptive, and this would be a perfect jump to three diamonds. If that weapon isn't in your arsenal, bid two diamonds. Since a strong hand would either redouble or jump, that must show a reasonable suit and little else.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

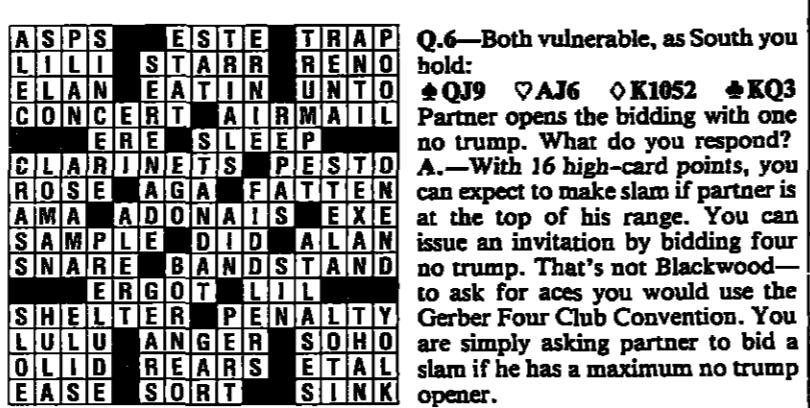
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1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

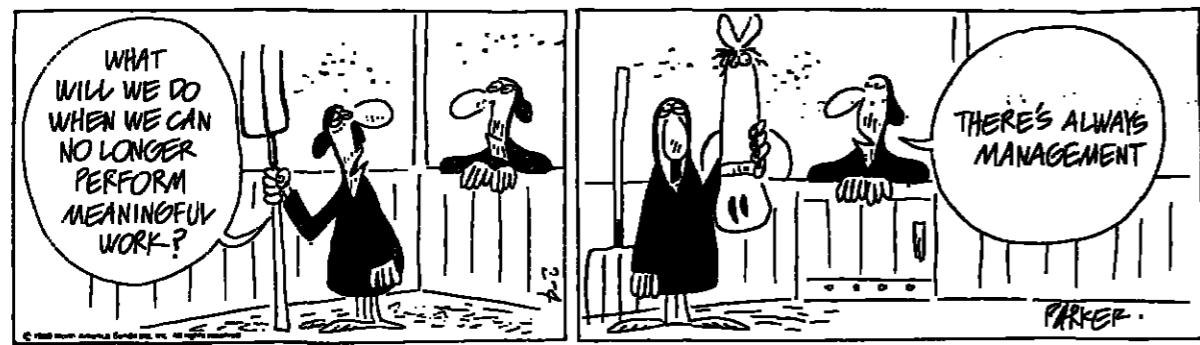
A.—With only three-card support, don't jump raise partner's suit if there is any alternative—especially with such a balanced hand. Respond two clubs, then vigorously raise hearts next.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



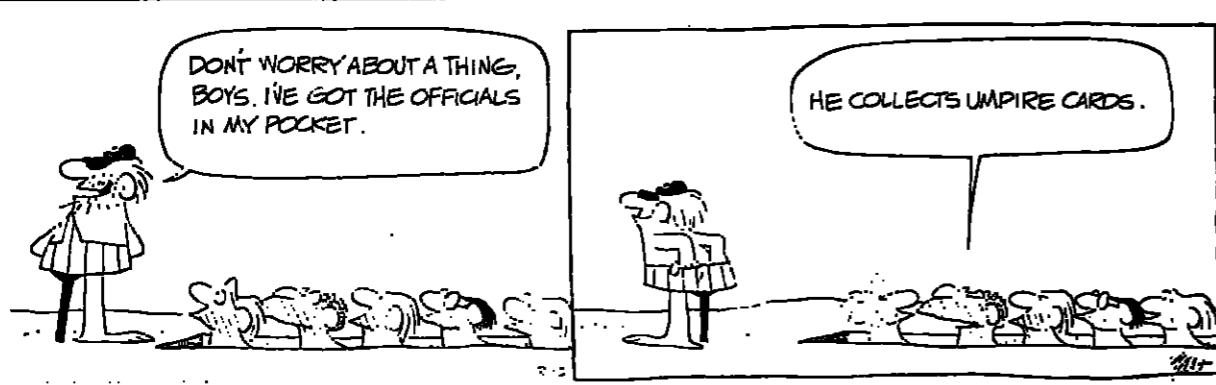
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You should try to ensure you do not run out of enthusiasm. Do not linger too long over lunch and dinner. The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you feel more lethargic. Be more patient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should avoid living too much in the past. You are more liable to make mistakes so look out for them. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Be tactful.



Libra (Sep. 22 - Oct. 21)



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will have plenty to do but you should just get on with it. The Moon's influence will help you to face up to your responsibilities. And Mars' influence will help you to clear up some confusion. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Something you have been learning will now seem a lot easier. You should make sure that you keep your expenses within reasonable limits. The Moon's better influence will help you to think more positively. Be sincere.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Do not think that others will do exactly what you would like them to do. You will have something to be pleased about but that is no reason to relax your efforts. Make sure you do not eat so that you put on weight. Be magnanimous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

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Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to keep away from controversial subjects. Make sure you do not allow anything to distract you. Jupiter's influence will help you to make the right move. Be alert.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

A small matter will take up more of your time than you would have liked. However, you must still attend to essentials. Do not take everything quite literally. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 41. Be helpful.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should not act on hearsay nor should you believe all you hear. The Moon's influence will help you to face facts. You are liable to lose sight of your objectives, so beware. Be more optimistic.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will have to make a few assumptions but they will be shrewd ones. You should not dwell on gloomy thoughts. Try to avoid resentment and prejudice. Be generous.

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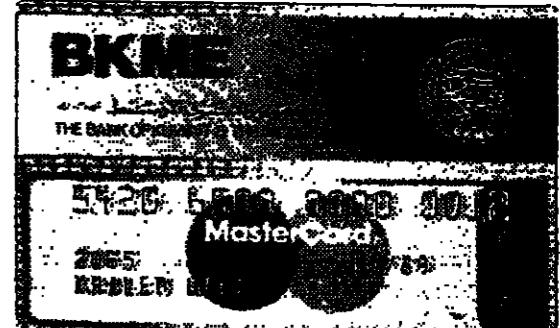
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Jeffrey Archer's life reads stranger than fiction

From politics to art, literature and back

By Ivor Davis

BEST-SELLING author Jeffrey Archer will soon pen his next book, which will detail the multimillion-dollar world of art trading, unless he gets an important telephone call.

Not just any caller can sabotage a guaranteed literary blockbuster. This one would come from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain, who would ask Archer to serve in her next Cabinet.

"The prime minister will reshuffle her Cabinet in September," says Archer, 48. "The British papers are already speculating about what she'll offer me. She has been very good to me. Mary (Archer's wife) and I spent Christmas with her, but she (Thatcher) will never tell."

Archer is currently on a US publicity tour for his latest book *A Twist in the Tale* (Simon & Schuster), a collection of short stories that chronicle deceit, betrayal, snobbery and class. Archer is at home bouncing from politics to art to literature and back with an aplomb that British politician and author Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81) might have envied.

At 29, with an Oxford education, Archer became the youngest Member of the British Parliament. Everyone agreed that the sky was the limit for young Archer, who would probably end up at No. 10 Downing St. But then came the fall. In 1974 he resigned in the wake of an investment scandal.

Did he attempt to do what decent Englishmen from time immemorial have done in such circumstance — discreetly shoot himself? Of course not. In 1976 he wrote *Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less*, a best selling novel based on the world of international finance, and became an overnight sensation in both the United States and Britain.

His literary career flourished with such books as *Shall We Tell the President?* (1977), with a story line that focused on a plot to kill Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy; *Kane and Abel* (1980), which was turned into a 1983 mini-series starring Peter Strauss and Sam Neill; *The Prodigal Daughter* (1982), which chronicled the story of the first woman president of the United



At 48, Jeffrey Archer, millionaire novelist and former deputy chairman of Britain's Conservative Party, has few worlds left to conquer... but he is still

hoping Mrs Thatcher will offer him a place in her cabinet.

States; and First Among Equals (1984), the story of three men battling to become prime minister of Britain.

Then came the second fall, and this one was a lulu. The Star, a British daily tabloid, and The News of the World, an English Sunday newspaper, alleged that Archer had had a liaison with a prostitute, then paid her to leave the country before the press got wind of it. He sued The Star for libel and was awarded \$800,000 in damages and \$1.2 million in legal costs.

"The paper made it up," says Archer, who donated most of the award — the largest in British history — to charity. "The editor, an honest man in his way, refused to take the stand because he didn't want to lie."

After The Star lost its case with Archer, The News of the World settled out of court, agreeing to pay the plaintiff \$80,000 in legal fees and apologize publicly.

Powers

His remarkable powers of recuperation as a man and politician are attributable to a quality he shares with a growing number of citizens of Thatcher's Britain — American-style derring-do. "I'm a middle-class achiever," he says. "Margaret Thatcher has made Britain a nation of middle-class achievers. It is no longer a country of aristocrats standing by while England becomes a second-rate power. Today, Britain is the finest country in the world, which is why I want to serve it."

If Archer's energy and entrepreneurship are very American, then so is his ability to play the media like a fine Stradivarius. On US television talk shows he is convivial, chatty, informal, but not above using his accent to play the stage Englishman for the colonial masses. With the British press he acts staid, decreasing his energy level and lowering his voice a few decibels.

But he doesn't have to seek attention from the media. They come to him. "I never call a newspaper or a TV station," he says. "They call me. In England I sell newspapers and that is the name of the game." (So intimate is his knowledge of the British press that he has a play about a day in the life of a British daily newspaper opening soon in London).

A psychiatrist analyzing Archer's life would have a field day — an overachiever who worries that he is undeserving and sabotages himself at every turn. I pose the question. He smiles quizzically. "I like the idea that I can start over again each time (adversity is encountered)," he says. "Perhaps you're right, I do like to live near the edge. Perhaps the excitement is important to me."

His only problem is that there is little left to conquer. He certainly doesn't want to be a plain old Member of Parliament again. "I've gotten used to wider vistas," he says. Money means little anymore, but there are still politics and power. "Of course it is the desire for power that interests me," he says, "but the power to do something positive for my country."

He is confident that he will receive his telephone call from Thatcher in September. In the meantime he has been speaking throughout Britain for the Conservative Party. "Margaret (Thatcher) knows my meetings attract 500 people. Her Cabinet members get 50 if they're lucky," he says.

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The enterprise has outgrown its original premises in Battersea, south London — though the book distribution centre is still there — and the main office has moved to central London, near the British Museum. Those premises also provide a bookshop that acts both as a showcase and a focal point for visits from widely scattered customers.

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A Swedish reader said: "I live a quiet, 'lonely' life in a small remote place in the north of Sweden, some 330 kilometres from the nearest bookshop. I love your guide."

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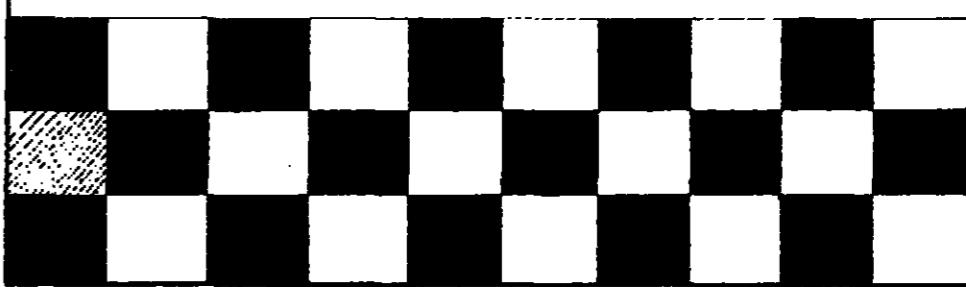
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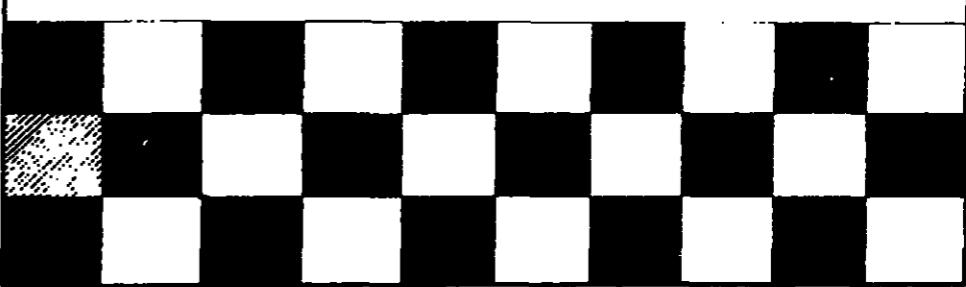
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By Kathy Cuddihy

WHEN I was young, I thought the epitome of luxury would be to have my own chauffeur-driven car.

My ambition has been realized. Not quite in the elegant style I imagined, mind you, but I do have a driver. Yet, as wonderful and efficient as the man is, I sometimes can't help but yearn for a bit of independence at the wheel.

Occasionally an overpowering urge makes me want to be able to go where I want when I want as often as I want. I pine for the challenge of getting from point A to B in the most skilful and expedient manner possible.

It seems that when this craving becomes particularly pronounced, it's suddenly time to go to Ireland for the summer, where I can at last be my own boss. And that's when the excitement begins.

For someone who doesn't drive at all during most of the year, coping with gears is at first a daunting prospect. Being a quick learner, though, it only takes me a few times of confusing the gas, brake and gear pedals before I sort them — and myself — out, and happily hit the open road.

By now my sense of freedom is so great that I

Driving me crazy

have difficulty keeping a tight rein on myself. With exhilaration, I whiz down the highway, forgetting about such minor annoyances as speed limits... and such major annoyances as traffic policemen. Fortunately, the tolerant and good-humoured Irish have so far let me off with kindly warnings. Not only does my foreign accent work in my favour, but the police are actually quite sympathetic to my normal plight of not being allowed to drive.

Needless to say, I can't just drive around all the time. At some point I have to park. And that's when the problems arise. After all, there's parking and there's parking.

I have to admit, in the small towns and villages, parking isn't an especially stressful event. If no legal spaces are available, there's usually an unoccupied double yellow line, or whatever. At a pinch, double-parking is even permissible. Several times I've had a local policeman either guide me into illegal spots or stand watch over the car to make sure some ruthless meter maid didn't leave a ticket on my windscreen.

If getting into an indoor parking garage weren't trying enough, getting out isn't a whole lot less traumatic.

Before leaving the garage, customers have to pay their parking fees at the ticket machine located at each level. This is a considerable impediment for novices like myself because, although the machines are conveniently located, they are not necessarily convenient to use... especially for people who have a mental block when it comes to reading instructions.

I mean, who would suspect that a machine could be so picky about which way to insert the cash? And how is anyone supposed to know that the change is spewed out at ankle level not, more logically, at eye or even hand level?

Most humiliating of all is having to resort to the "HELP" button. It wouldn't be so bad if a pre-recorded message came on, but to each mumbled query comes an amplified response that I swear is calculated to deter all prospective button pushers.

I tell myself I shouldn't do it, but after a summer of "freedom" on the road, I can't help but harbour the inclination that the epitome of luxury is to have my own chauffeur-driven car.

Get to know yourself, know-all

Do you make sure everyone knows just how clever you are — or do you prefer to listen and not show off your knowledge and wisdom. Try our fun quiz — and you will know all!

By Kate Saunders

ARE you such a know-all that you'll entertain the crowd for hours with your explanation of Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Or such a timid shy creature that you would rather keep your knowledge to yourself?

Our quiz will let you know...

1. You are enjoying a quiet drink in a coffee bar when a professor seated at another table starts loudly airing his views on politics. You totally disagree. Do you:

a) Attempt to floor him with a quote from Karl Marx?

b) Listen intently and discuss it with your friends?

c) Have your own strong opinions but say nothing?

2. Attending a poetry circle with a friend you are most likely to:

a) Listen nervously to everyone's poems?

b) Monopolize the meeting by droneing on about rhyming structure?

c) Read out a poem you've written about an intensely emotional experience and invite criticism?

3. You are stopped in the street and asked to donate some money by volunteers collecting for people in Africa. Do you:

a) Give them all the loose change you have?

b) Ask exactly where the money is for before giving any?

c) Lecture them on Ethiopian politics?

4. Your favourite TV programme is:

a) A comedy show?

b) Phone-in shows. You like to ring in?

c) A live debate on current issues?

5. You are at the theatre watching a foreign play. It is very boring. Do you:

a) Walk out, making loud comments about how awful it was?

b) Keep quiet, thinking you have missed the point?

Add up your score

Now count your score (mostly a's, b's, or c's) by matching up your answers with the table below.

	1	2	3
1.	a	b	c
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8.	b	c	a
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10.	a	c	b
11.	a	c	b
12.	c	b	a
13.	b	a	c
14.	a	b	c
15.	b	c	a



Weekly Quiz

9. Your partner suddenly falls ill. Do you:

a) Offer them sympathy and whisky with hot water?

b) Worry, and keep running to the shops to buy them special food and medicine?

c) Insist that they take vitamin C and advise them at length on nutrition?

10. Shopping in a store, you bump into one of your favorite pop stars. What is your reaction?

a) You are immediately tongue-tied and blush furiously?

b) You give them a jovial slap on the back and ask them to clarify some of their song lyrics?

c) Nervously try to catch their eye over the yoghurts?

11. A front page story in a local newspaper irritates you. Do you:

a) Immediately phone the editor and demand an interview to set the story straight?

b) Write a letter to the editor?

c) Get it off your chest by telling friends about it?

12. You're on a day trip to a town you've never been to before when a foreign couple ask you for directions to the station. Do you:

a) Show them with the help of

your map?

b) Tell them it would be better to ask a local?

c) Give them long directions you're not sure of yourself, but tell them about the historical attractions of the area?

13. Your partner is doing some decorating. Do you:

a) Let them get on with it while you take it easy?

b) Stand over them, offering constructive advice?

c) Help out only when they need you?

14. A friend is going on holiday to a remote, tropical country. Before she goes, do you:

a) Talk to her for hours about yellow fever and dysentery?

b) Tell her not to forget a first aid kit?

c) Advise her not to drink the water?

15. You're at a friend's house, where the teen-age son is studying for a psychology exam. You don't know anything about the subject. Do you:

a) Tell him to read the questions carefully?

b) Wish him luck?

c) Tell him he could learn a thing or two from you about how the mind works?

What your score means

Mostly a's:

You're such a know-all it's a wonder you bothered to do this quiz. You're fairly pompous and enjoy impressing people with your great knowledge on topics from Einstein to the French Impressionists. If you don't know something, you'll make it up. You have an answer to everything — even in the most awkward emotional moments in a

relationship. Try to step down from your soapbox sometimes and listen to what other people have to say.

Mostly b's:

You don't take yourself too seriously, and if you're caught out, will readily admit that you're wrong. In a group of friends you can sometimes be a bit arrogant, but you value a sense of humour more than a

great store of general knowledge.

Mostly c's:

You're very timid and scared of saying something out of place — when you probably know a lot more than the big-mouths around you. You're a very good listener, but tend to worry too much about what other people think of you. Tell people what you think more often — because it's worth knowing.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices soar as OPEC mulls its next move

VIENNA, March 28. (Agencies): The chance of a fresh row over oil output quotas seemed the only cloud on the horizon as OPEC ministers converged on Vienna today to mull tactics at a time of soaring crude prices.

Ahead of talks tomorrow of OPEC's eight-nation market monitoring committee, delegates said divisions might re-emerge later this year over allocating new quotas and also between members seeking stable prices and those keen to drive them up.

Push

US crude oil prices hit their highest since August 1987 this week with the May contract for West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude, trading above \$20.50 a barrel on the New York Mercantile

Amman faces debt repayments this year

Jordan begins talks with IMF mission

AMMAN, March 28. (Reuter): Jordan began high-level talks with an IMF mission today on ways to overcome a financial crisis likely to require an IMF standby facility and debt rescheduling.

Central Bank Deputy Governor Maher Shukri told Reuters Jordan was asking for a standby credit, but gave no details.

The present talks are restricted to agreeing the figures and conditions that will form the basis for talks on policy. These will start in three or four days," he said.

He expected the current round of talks with the IMF to be over before the end of next week.

Jordan, financially squeezed by a dozen Arab and international bank debt repayments this year of \$1.2 billion on its total foreign debt of about \$6 billion.

The Deputy Director of the International Monetary Fund's Middle East Department, Mohammed Yaacoub, joined an advance IMF team that has been

in Amman for more than a week.

Planning Minister Taher Kanaan said the discussions were part of the IMF's annual consultations with Jordan. "Of course they have a special importance this year because of our current situation," he told Reuters.

Kanaan said rumours that the IMF might demand a further devaluation of the dinar or an immediate end to food subsidies were without foundation and based on misconceptions.

"When we faced the current crisis, we took the appropriate measures and we expect the IMF will not find any problems with that. Of course there is always room for fine-tuning," he said.

He said the IMF was concerned by the overall budget deficit, not policy details like subsidies which were the government's domain. "What matters is a judicious expenditure policy."

Under IMF rules governing scheduling of credits, Jordan can get a facility ranging from 125 per cent up to 300 per cent of its quota of about 75 million Special Draw-

ing Rights (about \$100 million), Kanaan said.

This year Jordan has rolled over principal payments on its commercial debt of around \$700 million and has fallen behind on some military and bilateral debt, officials said.

"Until there is an agreed rescheduling we will try to meet all our obligations, but there could be some technical delays," Kanaan said. "We have no intention of going delinquent on any of our obligations. We have every determination to meet them."

Reforms

Jordan wants the IMF to approve economic reforms it has already implemented to pave the way for debt rescheduling.

It is also negotiating a World Bank loan aimed at providing support while the kingdom reforms its industrial and trade policies towards better productivity and higher exports.

Economists said an agreement with the IMF was vital to open the way to rescheduling and to secure Jordan's credit lines.



Share traders wrestle in buying and selling at the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Tuesday, as stock prices soared to 32,008.63 at midday, just after surging 529.38 to a morning high of 32,041.78. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gold eases

Dollar hits 7-month highs

LONDON, March 28. (Reuter): The dollar climbed to a seven-month high in Europe today, defying concerted Western central bank intervention to curb its strength.

West Germany's Bundesbank and the US Federal Reserve with eight other central banks sold dollars in mid-afternoon to try to stabilise currency markets ahead of a semi-annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund later this week in Washington.

This was followed by a second attack by the Fed and the Bank of England and a third by the Fed in Europe's late afternoon.

But dealers said the intervention, which took place above 1.88 marks, was too modest to have much impact on the dollar which

is being supported by high US interest rates that make it attractive to investors.

"The Bundesbank can force the dollar down, but it will have to try harder than it is at the moment," said one Frankfurt currency dealer.

The dollar closed at 1.8935 marks and 133.15 yen in London.

Japanese traders seemed less willing to hold dollars, fearing that the Bank of Japan might intervene to restrain the dollar's strength, European dealers said.

It was the first time the Bundesbank had intervened against the dollar since March 17, when the German central bank intervened with other central banks to curb the dollar's rise.

European financial centres were closed on Friday.

Sri Lankan firm wins ADNOC deal

COLOMBO, March 28. (KUNA): A Sri Lankan company has clinched \$510,000 deal with the Abu Dhabi-based National Oil Company for Distribution (ADNOC-FOD) signed the contract with Amerasinghe Industrial Company (AMICO) earlier this month and a three-member team from ADNOC visited AMICO's factory in downtown Colombo to satisfy themselves the printed tin supplies will have the high standards ADNOC expects.

The tin plates according to ADNOC's chairman, Mohamed Saeed Kubaish, will be used to market motor oil cans.

For AMICO the deal was one more of prestige than a marketing success.

Senake D. Amerasinghe, chairman of AMICO said his company beat 14 other international contractors to win the ADNOC deal.

AMICO, established in 1962, has come a long way from a small-time tin plate manufacturing suburban factory to currently exporting over 300,000 metal cans monthly to buyers in Europe, South-East Asia, the Middle East, the Soviet Union and Australia.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: The coupon on Jugo Paper Co's 400 mln dlrs equity warrant bond has been indicated at 4-1/2 pct. Nikko Securities said as lead manager. The par priced bond matures in 1993 (XLC/CA 0930).
 London: The coupon on Mori Seijo Co's 100 mln dlrs equity warrant bond has been indicated at 4-5/78 pct. Yamachii International said as lead manager. The par priced bond matures in 1993 (XLC/CA 0910).
 London: The coupon on Onoda Cement Co Ltd's 300 mln dlrs five-year equity warrant bond, due 1994, has been indicated at 5-18 pct. Nikko Securities said as lead manager. (XLC/CA 0949).
 London: Lavoro Bank Overseas Curacao is issuing a 10-1/4 pct 200 mln dlrs Eurobond due April 20, 1995 at 101.225, lead manager Nomura International said. (XLCW 1432).
 London: Skandian Banken is issuing a 50 mln Australian dlrs bond due 1991 with a coupon of 16-1/4 pct at 101-78.
 London: The Bank of England said it will lend ECU 100 billion to market makers effective from today to improve settlements and liquidity. (XLCU 1338).
 London: Shikoku Electric Power Co is issuing a 150 mln dlrs 10-1/4 pct Eurobond due 1995 at 101-14, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (XLCU 1502).
 Tokyo: A leading Japanese banker said that if the Brady proposal for cutting Third World debt is not put into practice within a few months, the debt problem could eventually become disastrous. (XLD/ 1119).

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GRASIN	111	111	109	NIPPON	37.50	37	38
1 ACC	293	283	285	GSFC	157.50	157.50	155	NOCIL	790	790	800
2 ALM CHEM	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	--	67	68	ORKAY	25.25	25	25.50
3 ALM HIS	--	--	--	GUJ HEAVY	--	14	13	OSUAL AGRO	91	90	95
4 ART FAB	69	69	71	KIND CIBA	269	28	29	PEICO	22.50	22	23
5 ASKIN LEY	69	69	71	KIND COCOA	970	980	960	PFIZER	77	78	78
6 ASIA PAINT	222.50	222.50	222.50	KIND LEVER	84	83	83.50	PREM AUTO	52.50	52	53
7 ATLAS COP	52	51	50	KIND MOTOR	42	42	42.50	RAMKAY	130	125	127.50
8 AUTO CORP	74	73	76	KINDALCO	278	276.25	268	RAY WOL	73	73	74
9 BAJAJ AUTO	404.75	420	422.50	KOECHEST	29	30	31.50	REICKIT	165	155	160
10 BAR RATON	357.50	360	362.50	KIND DRG	140	145	144	RELIANCE	124	125	126.50
11 BIR BOND	--	--	--	KIND RAYON	90	89	89	SESA GOM	45	45	44.50
12 BIR DYE	141.50	142	137	KIND RAYON	310	306.25	322.50	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
13 BUR MEL	187.50	185	190	INGERSOLL	365	365	375	SHREE CEM	--	--	--
14 CANDI	--	--	--	ITC	64	62	63	SHRI FIB	88	86	88
15 CANDI	--	--	--	KIND	70	69	71.50	SIEMENS	250	79	78
16 CEN ENKA	2650	2650	2650	KIN ENGG	171.50	170	175	SKF	53.50	250	250
17 CEN SPG	1800	1800	1790	KIR CUMM	75	76	75	SPIC	250	54	53.40
18 COLGATE	362.50	362.50	358.75	KIS PUMPS	355	345	355	ST MILLS	70	255	250
19 CROFT GR	800	775	775	KIT CUMM	95	95	95	TATA CHEM	317.50	124	124
20 CROFT GR	12	12	13	L AND T	82	81	80	TATA OIL	125	67.50	67.50
21 DEEP FERT	34	33	32.50	LIPTON	82	81	80	TATA POW	770	315	320
22 DUNLOP	77	73	73	MAC RUSSEL	85	82.50	86.50	TATA POW	--	--	--
23 E.I. HOTELS	56	55	56	MAD COATS	93.50	92	94	TELECO	790	770	772.5
24 ESCORTS	66.50	66	66	MAHINDRA	91.50	91	92.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
25 ESKAYEF	133.75	133	136.25	MAS SHARE	15.85	16	16	TISCO	1197.5	1197	1208
26 ESSAR SPG	23.25	23.50	24	MICO	605	600	610	VAM IRG	177	175	173
27 FOOD SPL	--	202.50	200	MILKFOOD	235	245	250	WARELI	25.75	25	25.75
28 FORBES	60	58	60	MODI	81.25	82.50	85	VOLTAS	650	650	670
29 GAR POLY	78.75	76.25	81	NIRL LTD	352	342.50	342.50	WTICO	23	22.50	23
30 GE SHIPING	36.65	37.25	37.50	MUK IRON	103	104	102.50	ZENITH	66	66	66
31 GLINDIA	93	95	93.50	NAT INDEX	354.28	360.78	360.78	ZUARI AGRO	70	67.50	70

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1510	1430
AEG	210.0	210.5	AJJINMOTO	2700	2590	MITSUB EST	2690	2410
AVIATION VR	1697.07	1703.0	AKAI ELEC	700	685	MITSUB IVY	1080	1040
BADERM	185.0	183.0	AKOI	1500	1520	MITSU CO	1180	1140
BASE	286.1	286.0	ASAHI GLS	2170	2060	MITSUKOSHI	2530	2290
BAYER	296.0	296.8	ASAHI OPT	850	811	MITSU EL	933	920
BAYER HYP	359.5	358.5	BANK TOKYO	1650	1650	NICHICON	1500	1250
BAYER VER	366.0	367.5	BRIDGESTON	1360	1330	NIHON CHNT	1280	1200
BBC	446.0	449.0	CANON	1730	1590	NIKKO SEC	1840	1780
BFR	482.0	484.0	CASIO COMP	1400	1350	NIP ELEC	1760	1720
BMI	506.0	509.0	CHUGAI PHM	1520	1490	NIP KOKKAN	900	875
CONVERZBK	241.0	240.5	CITIZEN W	955	920	NIP OIL	1590	1580
CONTI GUMM	254.0	254.0	D-ICHI KAN	3350	3430	NIP STEEL	915	894
DAINER BEN	654.0	653.5	DAT NIP IK	845	835	NIP YUSEN	930	904
DEUTSC BNK	505.1	504.8	DAI NIP PT	2290	2350	NIS MOTOR	1520	1450
DRESDNER-B	310.50	307.5	DAI NIP SC	980	950	NOURA SEC	3460	3360
DT HARCOCK	164.7	164.5	DAIKIN	895	875	OBHA CO	965	936
EWIS-NASSA	549.16	548.77	DAIWA	2200	2300	OLYMPUS	1190	1140
FELDMEIER	341.0	336.5	DAIWA SEC	2250	2170	PENTA OCHI	1620	1570
GOLDSCHID	397.5	390.0	EBRA MFG	1860	1750	PIEMONTE	3140	3060
HARPER	458.0	460.0	EISAI	1900	1880	REMON	960	970
HOECHST AG	299.7	299.4	FUJITSU	1450	1410	RICHO	1210	1140
HORTEN	223.0	227.0	FUJI BANK	3550	3420	SANKYO	2300	2250
BUSSEL HLD	476.0	475.0	FUJI PHOTO	3500	3450	SEIYU ST	0	1990
KALI SALZ	211.0	211.0	FUJISAMA	1670	1590	SEKISUI PB	1800	1790
KARSTADT	420.0	420.0	FUJITIA CP	2180	2160	SHARP	1370	1300
KAUFHOF	415.0	414.0	HITACHI	1580	1520	SHISEIDO	1650	1620
KLOECK H	173.0	175.0	HONDA MOT	1960	1870	SONY	6950	6630
KLOECK W	164.0	161.5	ISETAN	2300	2240	SUMITOMO	1360	1370
LINDE	765.0	765.0	ITD YOKADO	3650	3610	TAISEI	1890	1850
LUFTWAFFA	158.5	159.0	JAP SYN RU	1290	1210	TAISEI MRN	1330	1320
MAN	258.0	253.5	JAPAN AIR	15900	15000	TAKEDA CH	2330	2330
MANNESMAN	227.9	226.0	JAPAN MET	940	924	TEIJIN	815	793
MERCEDES	520.0	518.0	KAJIMA	2580	2430	TKO NEW IX	422.46	364.33
METALGES	398.0	396.0	KANSAI EL	4350	4230	TOKIO MRN	2080	2000
MIDORF H	294.0	293.0	KAO SOAP	1570	1580	TOKYO ELEC	1340	1300
NORK H	46.00	45.00	KAWASAKI H	927	893	TOKYO GAS	1070	1030
PHILIP KOM	695.0	693.0	KAWASAKI S	895	885	TOKYO POUL	600	

Mideast will be main source of oil supplies

Energy use to go up by 30pc by year 2000

UNITED NATIONS, March 28. (OPEC-NA): A senior United Nations official has predicted that energy consumption will grow by about 30 percent by the year 2000, reaching a level of 176 million barrels of oil equivalent (MBOE) daily.

Goran Ohlin, assistant secretary-general for development, research and policy analysis at the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, said yesterday that while there had been progress in energy conservation and efficiency since the 1970s, there remained sharp conflicts of interest among energy-importing and energy-exporting nations.

"Although fossil fuels would continue to dominate, the usage of nuclear, hydro and geothermal electricity, as well as other renewable energy sources, would grow at a considerably higher rate than that of fossil

fuels," he told the Committee on Natural Resources, a subsidiary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In a report on energy trends, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuelar said that "even in the absence of any upsurge in the vigour with which governments pursue energy policy, the shape of global energy economy in the year 2000 will be quite different and nuclear power can contribute a much higher share of the world's energy supply."

The report said: "It seems very likely that the world will still be heavily dependent on traditional energy sources... and conventional modern sources... in the year 2000. In particular, it would be a serious mistake to consider unconventional modern energy sources as a deus ex machina for the energy requirements of

developing countries as a whole."

The developing countries, it says, will need huge quantities of conventional fuels — oil, natural gas and coal — if they are to build modern economies and growth rates commensurate with their potential.

The role of developing countries in the production of energy would be expanded, rising from about 37 per cent of global output today to about 46 per cent in the year 2000, the report says.

Growth "Much of this growth will be attributable to the doubling of OPEC oil output over the period, an increase which seems to be consistent with the group's proven reserves."

The report states that international trade in oil will also be altered "significantly" from its present pattern. "Imports

into developed market economies will double by the year 2000, as domestic production declines and consumption grows."

Similarly, it states, the centrally planned economies will shift from being net exporters to become net importers of oil. In both cases, the Middle East will be the main source of oil supplies.

The report says total primary energy requirements may grow at an average annual rate of about 1.4 per cent in developed market economies till the end of the century, consistent with a rate of GDP growth of about 2.5 per cent. The corresponding figures for developing countries are four per cent for both energy and GDP growth, and for centrally planned economies, 2.5 per cent for energy and 3.5 per cent for net material product growth.

Greece hopes to take part in Iraq's reconstruction

ATHENS, March 28. (UPI): Greece hopes to participate in Iraq's programme of reconstruction, following the end of the 8-year Gulf war, and talks began today to boost economic ties between the two countries, officials said.

There were "new prospects of advancing Greek products in Iraq following the end of the Iran-Iraq war," a statement from the Greek national economy ministry said.

Economy undersecretary Panayiotis Roumeliotis was scheduled to hold talks with officials from the Central Bank of Iraq and the Rafidain Bank in Baghdad.

The Iraqi officials were part of a 12-man team in Athens, which was headed by Deputy Minister of Agriculture Abdul Sattar Salman and included officials from the Iraqi ministries of defence, housing, commerce and harbour authorities.

Projects

Greek companies were already constructing hotels, government buildings and bridges in Iraq and were involved in "other new projects," officials said. Athens was now seeking "new forms of co-operation," they said.

Greek opposition parties have charged, over the past four months, that Greece sold arms to Iraq, despite the official neutral stance it took between Tehran and Baghdad in the Gulf war, and the good relations it had with both countries.

Last month Greece went along with 11 other member-states of the European Economic Community to recall its ambassador from Tehran, in protest against Ayatollah Khomeini's death edict against British author Salman Rushdie.

But today, a Greek government spokesman said the envoy from Athens would return to Tehran shortly, in line with an EEC decision to allow senior diplomats from its member-states to go back to their posts.

Brazil's inflation rate jumps

BRASILIA, Brazil, March 28. (AP): Brazil's inflation rate jumped 6.5 percent in March despite a government-imposed price freeze. Finance Minister Mailson da Nobrega confirmed today.

The government was "surprised" by the cost of living increase, Da Nobrega said after an emergency meeting with President Jose Sarney and his economic advisers to reassess the anti-inflation economic reforms instituted in January.

The government had predicted inflation would rise only half of the 6.5 percent.

Inflation was 3.6 percent in February — the first month after the government announced a wage-price freeze and promised massive federal spending cuts to halt a 1,000 percent annual inflation rate. But even that figure was far above the zero per cent inflation the government had projected.

Da Nobrega said that the "summer plan" (the anti-inflation plan is called, "would be maintained without any great changes."

Job plan for young people

RABAT, March 28. (Reuter): Hundreds of thousands of young unemployed Moroccans are to be offered jobs in an ambitious plan to reforest rural areas and provide essential services, officials said yesterday.

The programme will involve planting 60 million trees on 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres) of land and building dams to provide electricity and irrigation.

It will be launched July 9, which is National Youth Day and coincides with King Hassan's 60th birthday.

Europe sparing in its praise for Brady plan

Japan to seek greater IMF voting rights

LONDON, March 28. (Reuter): Several West European nations are expected to voice concern at talks in Washington this week that a new US initiative to ease Third World debt could turn into a taxpayer-funded bail-out of banks and poorly run countries.

The negotiations on a fresh debt strategy will take place against the backdrop of the semi-annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund starting on Friday.

European nations, including West Germany and Britain, have so far been guarded in their praise of suggestions floated on March 10 by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to deal with the Third World's debt burden.

European monetary officials say the studied tone of caution masks the concern that a new

emphasis on debt reduction could thrust the load onto Western taxpayers.

Strategy But even European sceptics now recognise that the industrial world's past strategy for coping with the stubborn debt crisis, especially in Latin America, desperately needs a new approach.

"It is not enough for the industrial world to agree to study the problem," said one European central bank official.

"The genie is out of the bottle."

The genie in question, the principle of reducing Third World debt and perhaps guaranteeing interest rate payments for bank creditors, is likely to dominate talks among the Group of Seven nations at the IMF meeting. Of the seven nations, Japan

and France are already lined up firmly behind the United States. French President Francois Mitterrand this week pledged to push for a definitive new accord at the Western economic summit in Paris this July.

Price riots in Venezuela a month ago and threat to democracy in President Bush's "backyard" of Latin America have spurred the new US administration to cast aside a previous strategy based on countries growing out of debt.

Japan was consulted closely before Brady unveiled the proposals and some European central bankers believe Tokyo, backed by Washington, will now seek greater IMF voting rights in a bid to leapfrog Britain, West Germany and France into number two position instead of its current fifth rank.

from getting out of control.

Interest rates on the loans to many Third World nations are linked to the US bank prime rate and would follow any upward trend.

So far this year, US inflation at the wholesale level has been racing ahead at an alarming annual rate of 12.6 percent. Consumer prices have been rising at a slower, but still troublesome, annual rate of 6.1 percent, up sharply from the 4.4 percent increase in consumer prices turned in during the past two years.

Higher

Responding to the uptick in inflation, the Fed in February moved to aggressively push interest rates higher, moving various short-term rates up by about three-fourths of a percentage point.



Swissair organised a press conference at Kuwaiti Mardien Hotel on March 27. Picture shows from left to right, Jamal El Sawah, senior sales representative; R. Beat Weiland, Kuwait's manager; and Josef Geisseler, station manager.

Swissair to begin services to Los Angeles

SWISSAIR can look back on a successful performance in 1988 and has decided on a number of steps with major implications for its future.

At its meeting on March 15, Swissair's board of directors approved a dividend of Sfr 38.— (1987: Sfr 36.—) per share and Sfr 7.00 (Sfr 7.20) per dividend-right certificate for 1988 of Sfr 76.1 million.

It also took the decision to add service to Los Angeles as Swissair's sixth US gateway, and gave its consent to a close co-operation between Swissair and Delta Air Lines, the third largest carrier in the US. Swissair also intends to implement a decisive upgrading of long-haul business class comfort.

The main objective of the co-operation with Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines is to co-ordinate schedules so that passengers and cargo cus-

tomers of both airlines can take advantage of the swiftest connections to and from the USA.

The agreement also envisages co-operation in the technical sphere (MD-11), joint use of airport facilities and marketing collaboration.

The board of directors will submit a favourable set of results to the shareholders' assembly on April 27. With total revenues up seven percent to Sfr 4,284 million (1987: Sfr 4,003 million), and total expenditures before depreciation up 6.6 percent to Sfr 3,866 million (Sfr 3,628 million), gross profit for 1988 amounted to Sfr 418 million (Sfr 375 million).

Following allowances for ordinary depreciation amounting to Sfr 302 million (Sfr 273 million), the airline was also able to effect supplementary depreciation in the order

Saudis may intervene to save £500m aircraft deal

LONDON, March 28. (KUNA): Saudi Arabia may intervene to save a £500 million Anglo-Jordanian deal for eight Tornado fighter aircraft, according to a report here today.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said this morning that "confidential talks" between King Hussein of Jordan and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia were expected within the next few weeks.

It quoted "high-level Jordanian sources" who said the discussions could lead to Saudi Arabia underwriting the aircraft deal.

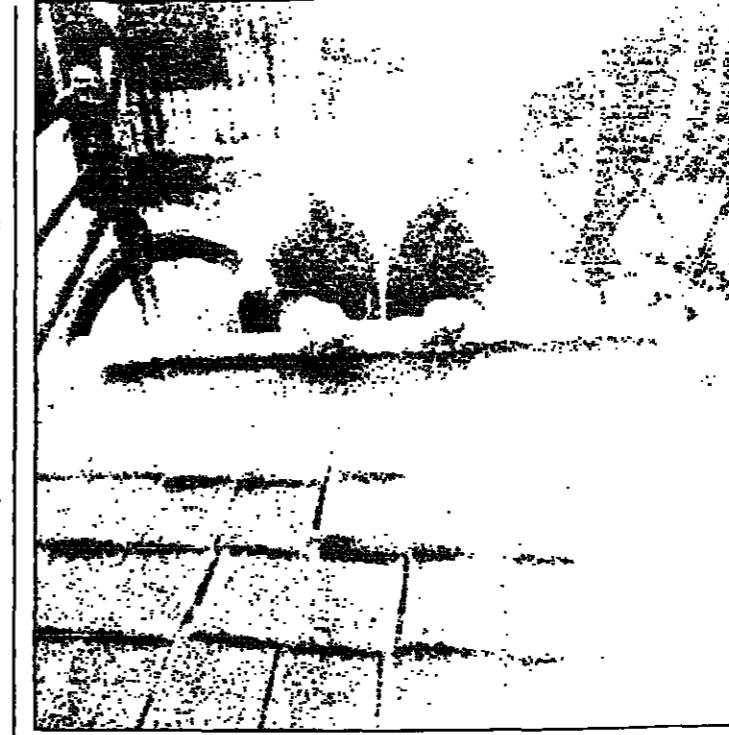
Order

A postponement of the Jordanian order for eight Tornado GR1 ground-attack aircraft was announced here on Thursday for financial reasons.

One possibility now was that the Saudis could add the aircraft to its own major deal with the UK, said the Sunday Telegraph.

The weekly said the deal had collapsed after the Tornado's co-manufacturer West Germany, who were committed to 42 per cent of sale credits, refused to underwrite the deal.

Employers responded with appeals for government grants, saying they could not afford the recommendations, which included setting up in-house anti-alcoholism measures based



Boy sells lottery tickets

A young boy sells lottery tickets in the Laotian capital on Monday. The popular lottery offers a Japanese truck and motorcycle as prizes. (Reuter wirephoto)

UK urges business to fight cost of alcoholism

LONDON, March 28. (Reuters): The government is bombing corporate Britain with advice to try to limit huge financial losses caused by alcohol-related problems.

But the campaign, however well-meaning at the start, has sparked controversy over how the matter should be tackled.

In the business world, growing alcohol abuse means absenteeism, accidents and inefficiency — especially on Mondays when hangovers hit hardest.

It adds up to a loss to British industry of £700 million (\$1.2 billion) a year, official estimates show.

The Conservative government has urged private industry to stop labelling staff with drink problems as bad workers. It sent out 77,000 pamphlets in February advising company bosses how to help drinkers instead of firing them.

However, the Sunday Telegraph noted Saudi Arabia's support for Jordan's efforts to modernise its "highly professional" Air Force.

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on prevention, counselling and monitoring.

Trade unions and health consultants have attacked the government's approach as inconsistent.

They noted Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson failed to raise taxes on alcohol for the first time in years in his March 14 budget speech.

The latest arrest, the 13th in the Recruit scandal, came one day after prosecutors formally charged Hisashi Shinto, former chairman of the telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., of receiving bribes from Recruit to help its advance into the communications field.

Prosecutors say Kato was sold 3,000 unlisted shares of Recruit's real estate subsidiary, Recruit Cosmo Co., at a cut-rate price in 1986. He allegedly profited by about 6 million yen (\$45,450) when public sales of the stock began and its price soared.

Kato bought 10,000 shares, and sold 6,000 immediately after the public listing, for a profit of about 12 million yen (\$90,000), prosecutors said.

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Job plan for young people

RABAT, March 28. (Reuter): Hundreds of thousands of young unemployed Moroccans are to be offered jobs in an ambitious plan to reforest rural areas and provide essential services, officials said yesterday.

The programme will involve planting 60 million trees on 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres) of land and building dams to provide electricity and irrigation.

It will be launched July 9, which is National Youth Day and coincides with King Hassan's 60th birthday.

Al Andalus

Sabatini and Sukova advance to quarterfinals

Pernfors upset in Players championship

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 28. (Reuter): Mikael Pernfors joined the growing list of upset victims at the International Players Championships when he fell in the fourth round to giant killer Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany yesterday.

Pernfors, seeded 14, was beaten 6-7 6-0 6-1 6-4 by the unseeded West German, who also conquered Andre Agassi in the first round.

Earlier, 12th-seeded Frenchman Yannick Noah overcame an upset stomach to beat fifth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 and reach the quarterfinals.

Women's top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina was challenged by unseeded American Ann Grossman but won 6-4, 7-6. Third-seeded Czechoslovak Helena Sukova also made the quarters with a 6-3, 6-2, win over 10th-seeded American Lori McNeil.

The usually quick-footed Pernfors did not move well against Steeb, but fought to stay with the

hard-hitting West German and took the first set by 7-5 in the tiebreaker.

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fight went out of the

Swede at that point as he tried to

chase down Steeb's fierce groundstrokes. He lost 11 straight

games and found himself down

two sets to one.

Pernfors then made a fight of it

but at 3-2 he dropped his serve

when Steeb hit a forehand volley

winner and the West German led

all the way after that.

Dropping

"After the tiebreaker I thought if I stay in the match he'll have a hard time to win a set," Steeb said. "He was getting tired."

Sabatini was confronted with a tiny tiger in the 18-year-old Grossman, 1.60-metres of feistiness who kept slugging groundstrokes until the second-set tiebreaker.

After dropping in the first game of the match, Grossman, ranked 53rd, kept pace with Sabatini, the world number

three, and broke back to even at 3-3. Sabatini broke again for 5-4 and served out the set 6-4.

Grossman used her pace from the backcourt and sharp cross-court angles to gain a 3-1 lead in the second set.

A lucky forehand volley hit with broken strings allowed Sabatini to get back on serve in the fifth game and long baseline rallies kept the score even to force a tiebreaker.

Sabatini then showed her calibre by racing to a 5-1 lead with booming first served and deep volleys. Grossman saved a match point at 6-1 when Sabatini netted a return but the Argentine won on the second match point with a stop volley.

"She really came out firing when she had to," Grossman said. "That's why she's number three in the world."

Sabatini said: "In the tiebreaker I just said it's finished now, let's concentrate."

Noah survived intense heat, Hlasek's determination, and a sudden attack of sickness to pull

off his upset. The match contrasted Noah's athleticism and the measured play of Hlasek who dominated the fourth set after trailing two sets to one.

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"It was very close again and I lost it. I had my chances and that's how it is in tennis," Hlasek said. "Maybe I'm not ready yet to win those matches."

To face Austria in Davis Cup quarterfinal

Sweden recall Wilander and Edberg

STOCKHOLM, March 28. (Reuter): Sweden recalled off-form tennis stars Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg today to face Austria in a Davis Cup quarterfinal tie in Vienna next month.

Non-playing captain Jonte Sjogren also named Mikael Pernfors, Jonas Svensson and doubles specialist Anders Jarryd to the team for the tie on April 7-9.

"It's going to be tough but we have no reason to fear the Austrians. We can certainly get through," Sjogren said.

But given the recent shaky form of Wilander and Edberg, the Vienna clash could be closer than it would appear on paper.

Wilander has played only 17 matches since winning the US Open last September. That third Grand Slam victory of 1988 made him briefly the world's number one.

Since then, he has not passed the third round of a tournament, he has been plagued by injuries and seems to have lost confidence and motivation.

His most recent defeat was by Alberto Mancini of Argentina last week in the third round of the International Players Championship in Key Biscayne.

But Sjogren, who is also Wilander's personal coach, insisted he would recover his missing form.

"There's no reason to worry," he said. "Mats is on his way back."

Inspiration

Edberg has also lost the inspiration that made him Wimbledon champion last summer.

Both were humbled by Boris Becker in December's Davis Cup final defeat by West Germany and neither played against Italy in this year's first round.

Sweden, with Pernfors and Svensson playing the singles, were stretched by Italians much lower in the rankings and were flattered by their eventual 4-1 victory.

Austria achieved a 5-0 whitewash against Australia in the previous round and their top star, Thomas Muster, has displayed dazzling form in Key Biscayne.

In Vienna, a conventional clay surface instead of the controversial clay-over-matting compound will be used for Austria's quarterfinal tie against Sweden next week, a spokesman for the Austrian Tennis Federation said today.

"We shall be using a regular conventional clay surface," spokesman Peter Nader said. "It will be about eight centimetres thick with no matting."

The decision followed con-



Wilander: Sweden hopes

Dead service crew identified

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 28. (AP): A three-man service crew on a Cross-Kenya Car Race was burned beyond recognition last week in an accident involving a vehicle carrying fuel and spare parts. The Standard reported today.

The deaths became public yesterday when the Standard published a photograph of their charred vehicle, but Safari rally officials denied knowledge of the accident or that the men were a service crew.

He said he would not choose between Steeb and Jelen as the second singles player to Becker until the last moment.

Steb, who beat Mats Wilander during last year's final in Gothenburg, reached the last eight in the international players championship in Key Biscayne, Florida yesterday.

Czechoslovakia have named Milosav Mecir, Miljan Srejber, Petr Korda and Tomas Smid for the April 7-9 match in Prague.

West Germany have won seven of their 11 Davis Cup ties with Czechoslovakia, the last by 5-0 in 1985.

Davis Cup captain Tom Gorman named Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, who have a 9-0 record in the Davis Cup, as the US doubles partnership for the match to be played in San Diego.

Servicing

The three died in a 2-vehicle collision Friday near Naivasha, a trading town, 88 kms (54 miles) northwest of Nairobi.

"We know nothing about them," Lucy Thande, rally press officer, told the Associated Press. "Even if they were a service crew, they were there two days before the cars were expected. They were not servicing any (Safari rally) vehicle at the time."

Additional funds will help fund ATP charities, a player pension fund, prize money for the ATP finals, the purchase of commercial television time and miscellaneous expenses.

IMG is already a powerful force in the tennis world, owning the marketing rights to various tournaments including Wimbledon.

Jordan denied that the agreement would allow IMG to dominate the ATP, an international players organisation. He noted that some events, such as the ATP doubles final and the Davis Cup, would be offered to other groups including rival management companies.

Lens to sign

Steaua players

PARIS, March 28. (Reuter): French First Division club Lens, already virtually doomed to relegation, expect to sign two players from Romanian champions Steaua Bucharest.

The club said striker Victor Iftuna, a member of Steaua's 1986 European Cup winning team, and midfielder Tudurel Stoica were in Lens at the weekend to agree terms.

Lens hope the two Romanians will help them stage a quick return to the top flight.

Iftuna and Stoica will continue to play for Steaua, who meet Galatasaray of Turkey in the year's European Cup semi-finals next month, until the end of this season.

Argentina's Diego Maradona demonstrates some fancy footwork with a soccer ball during the opening day of Carlos Bianchi's soccer camp in Reims, eastern France on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



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North and South Korea agree on a joint team for Asian games

PANMUNJOM, Korea, March 28. (AP): Sports officials from South and North Korea made progress today on forming a joint team for the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing, according to officials from both sides.

Delegates agreed after about three hours of discussions to meet again April 18 at the Panmunjom truce site.

The two Koreas have been holding intermittent talks at various levels aimed at improving relations on the divided peninsula. Both sides say they want to end their long and bitter rivalry.

Chief North Korean delegate Kim Huong Jin said the talks must help the two sides improve relations and end inter-Korean rivalry.

"What is most important is for both to get rid of the concept of confrontation and think first of all, that they are members of one nation sharing the same destiny," Kim said in an opening statement.

Progress

"The North seemed to be sincere about the talks... I can say we made some progress today," chief South Korean delegate Chang Chung-Shik told reporters after the talks.

Past efforts to form a unified team failed on such issues as the name of the team and what flag should be used.

The

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agreed today that a team would be selected after joint training of both nations' candidates. South Korea initially had wanted selection to occur before training.

North Korea offered a concession on the name of the team and both sides offered suggestions on a team flag.

North Korea proposed the sports talks last December, saying the two sides should field a joint team for the Beijing games to improve relations.

North Korea boycotted the 1988 Summer Olympics and the 1986 Asian Games, both held in Seoul.

Separate talks between parliamentary delegations and between senior government officials were stalemated by North Korean demands last month that the South call off its annual joint military exercises with US forces.

The two Koreas have remained enemies since the division of the Korean peninsula by US and Soviet forces in 1945 at the end of World War II.

Pakistan win Speedbird Trophy

A PAKISTAN XI gained victory over a Great Britain XI in the Speedbird Trophy tournament by 33 runs at Ahmadi last weekend. Batting first, Pakistan built up a match-winning total of 237 for 8 from their 45 overs. In reply GB realised only 204 all out of the final ball of their allotted 45.

Highlight of the Pakistan batting was a third wicket partnership of 135 between Amjad (76) and Haider (105 not out). GB had started well with Craig Shipton picking up two slip catches, one off the bowling of Patrick Flower (1 for 22) and another off Dave Boldy (1 for 45). GB's hopes were then dashed as Amjad was dropped three times and the score mounted. Peter Bond (5 for 32) broke the partnership and proceeded to claim another four wickets including a remarkable triple wicket maiden. Only Farhad (18) of the remaining Pakistan batsmen reached double figures as the GB bowlers and fielders fought to restrict the total.

GB's openers Shipton (28) and Kevin Wells (26) started confidently. They soon saw off the opening attack of Sakhawat (3 for 43). However, Faisal (1 for 35) bowling an accurate line and length finally broke the opening stand, having Shipton caught behind by Iqbal with the score on 51. Dave Talbot (29) continued the run chase scoring at five runs an over but with the introduction of Haider (2 for 36) and Naeem (2 for 25) the runs dried up and wickets fell. Both bowlers made run scoring difficult, only Richard Snowden (35) and big-hitting Dave Boldy (16) could raise the GB hopes. Finally Snowden was bowled by the last delivery of the innings to give the strong Pakistan team a well deserved 33 run victory.

After the match the BA Speedbird Trophy was presented to the Pakistan skipper Naeem. Haider collected the Pakistan XI Man of the Match award, a BA return air ticket to Karachi. His innings of 105 not out and bowling figures of 9 overs for 25 runs made him the outstanding player of the day.

The Great Britain Player of the Series proved a more difficult decision for the adjudicator, the British Ambassador, Peter Hincliffe. He finally decided upon GB's opening bowler Patrick Flower who had played consistently well throughout the two games. On the day his bowling figures of 9 overs for 22 runs showed his value to the team. In his final Speedbird Trophy match this was a fitting reward for his intelligent bowling throughout the season.

Both British Airways awards were made by Ralph Collins, BA's area sales manager who has raised this competition to new heights with his interest and support of Kuwait cricket.

Cricket finals

THE finals of the "Al Mulla Mitsubishi Cup" (Friday League) "A" Division organised by Unity Cricketers will be played on Friday at the New Ground in Ahmadi. Kifco meet traditional rivals Starite in this full day encounter consisting of 45-overs-a-side commencing at 0900 am. Umpires nominated are both from Unity.

While at the Oval, in the "B" Division finals of the same tournament Kokan face Union in a 40 overs match, also commencing at 0900 am.

Umpires nominated are one from Al Mulla and the other from YMCA. One of the key personnel of the Al Mulla will distribute prizes to the winners and losers.

Simulator final

THE finals of the Kuwait round of the Winston Toyota Simulator Challenge will be held at the Sultan Center on March 31 at 6 pm.

Taking part will be the winners of the competitions which have been open to shoppers at the Center every evening since March 23.

Among the many prizes on offer are return trips to Dubai to take part in the Gulf-wide final against competitors from all over the region. Flights and hotel accommodation is being provided by the Winston Toyota team. While in Dubai the participants will also be invited to watch the final round of the Middle East Rally.

Tivim Centre

TIVIM Centre is pleased to inform all the participating teams that the draw of their 2nd annual 9-a-side inter-village football tournament will be held on 31.3.89 at Al Sour Ground. For further information please contact the organisers.

Rest of the World beat Brazil

UDINE, Italy, March 28. (UPI): The fans of Udinese soccer club honoured the team's one-time Brazilian star Zico late yesterday with a match grandly titled "Brazil" versus "The Rest of the World."

A capacity 40,000 crowd in the Alpine city's stadium gave Zico a tumultuous reception on his brief return to Italy, and cheered his every move in what was expected to be his last match as a professional. Zico turned 36 years old on March 3.

In the event the "Rest of the World" selection, made up mainly of veterans who have played or are still playing in Western and Eastern European League clubs, beat the Brazilian selection, composed of Brazilians playing in European clubs, 2-1.

"Brazil" took the lead in the sixth minute with a spectacular 30-metre free kick by midfielder Dunga (real name Bledorn Verri Carlos Caetano), currently playing for Fiorentina in the Italian First Division.

But "The Rest" equalised in the 34th minute through Francesco, a Uruguayan who plays

for the French club Matra Racing, and Hungarian Detari grabbed the winner in the 65th minute.

Sadly missing from the "Rest of the World" lineup were Napoli's Diego Maradona, who pleaded injury, and AC Milan's Dutch trio, Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, all originally billed to play. Gullit was being rested with a minor injury and Van Basten and Rijkaard flew in to Udine from Milan too late for the start of the match.

Weave

In the first half, the Brazilians managed to look like "Brazil" in spells when "The Rest" permitted them to weave their slow build-up ball play. But in the second half the Brazilians faded, despite substituting all 11 players between the 46th and 80th minutes.

The longest-lasting was Zico — real name Antunes Coimbra — once dubbed "the white Pele". He stayed on the field for 80 minutes and showed many flashes of his old brilliance.

Zico galvanised soccer in Udine, a remote Alpine city in the extreme northwest of Italy.

when he starred for the Udinese club in two seasons between 1983 and 1985.

But after a sensational start to the 1983-84 season, the newly promoted Udinese team managed to finish only ninth in that year's First Division standings, even with Zico, who scored nine goals. The following season Udinese, still with Zico, was narrowly escaped relegation to the Second Division.

The club slipped back to the Second Division after Zico left and currently ranks fourth in the standings.

Lineups

BRAZIL: Gilmar (46th Joao Leite), Ricardo (46th Alemão), Mozer, Gomes (46th Julio Cesar), Junior (66th Branco), Dunga (46th Milton), Renato (46th Romario), Silas (46th Andrade), Careca (61st Evar), Zico (80th Douglas) and Valdo (57th Tita).

REST OF THE WORLD: Preud'homme (46th Dassae), Joao Pinto, Gerets, Demol, Valderrama (46th Mihajlovic), Ridvan (46th Colik), Francescoli, Stoikovic, Detari, Rui Aguas, Djurovski.

Botham marks comeback with 24 runs

SINGAPORE, March 28. (Reuter): England all-rounder Ian Botham marked his return to cricket 10 months after a major back operation by scoring 24 runs in a friendly match against a Singapore XI today.

"I feel fine. I scored more runs today than I did all last season so that's got to be good," said a smiling Botham after he was caught.

Boundaries

Botham, batting for the first time since the operation to fuse two vertebrae last May, cracked four boundaries during his 20-minute stay at the crease.

On a rain-sodden pitch he was understandably cautious to start with and when he attempted to hit a six had out at wide mid-on with a gigantic skier.

Botham did not bowl and retired after the tea break to nurse a minor bruise on his left thigh.

The one-day match ended in a draw. Botham's English county club Worcestershire scored 221 for nine declared and the Singapore XI were 147 for five at the close of play.



West Ham's Paul Hilton (left) and Norwich City's Ian Butterworth battle for the ball during their First Division match at Upton Park, London on Monday. Norwich beat West Ham 2-0. (Reuter wirephoto)

Blue Star beat Siddique to lift trophy

BLUE Star C.C. won the Blue Star trophy beating Siddique C.C. by 34 runs, played on Friday at Safeway ground, which was organised by Sabah C.C.

Siddique's captain Mahmood won the toss and put Blue Star to bat. Rodney and Salim opened the innings and put on 40 runs in six overs. At this stage Shabbir was introduced in the attack. His first victim was Rodney, caught by Mahmood for 15.

In the same over Ronnie Sr. was adjudged lbw, and he walked back to the pavilion with two runs to his credit.

Then a fruitful partnership of 30 runs by Saleem and Sandeep saw 72 runs on board for Blue Star. Salim reached his personal score of 40 with four fours and was beautifully caught by Mahmood off Tariq at mid wicket.

Collapse

Sandeep scored 22 runs with two fours and all of a sudden collapse of the middle order began. James was caught and bowled by Razzak for five. Bastaki bowled by Mukesh for three, Sethi caught by Malak at square leg boundary for 21 with three fours. Masood and Tariq dented a little to push Blue Star's tally of runs to 150.

A partnership of 31 runs for the eighth wicket, by Tariq and Masood stopped the rot for a while. But Shabbir again bowled them out in consecutive overs. Their individual score was 10 and 19 respectively.

Ronny Jr was not out six and Mathew not out one, as Blue Star's total reached 160 for nine wicket in 30 overs.

Blue Star's captain James kept his fielders on toes. Khalid Jr.

Juventus to play English side

LONDON, March 28. (Reuter): Italy's Juventus will meet English opposition for the first time since the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster on Sept 7 when they play a Northern League soccer selection.

The match will mark the Northern League centenary. Juventus have not met an English team since rioting at the 1985

IBF boxing

NORFOLK, Virginia, March 28, (AP): Pernell Whitaker's first defence as the international Boxing Federation lightweight champion will take place April 30 at Scope against Louis Lomeli, promoters say.

Sheraton bridge

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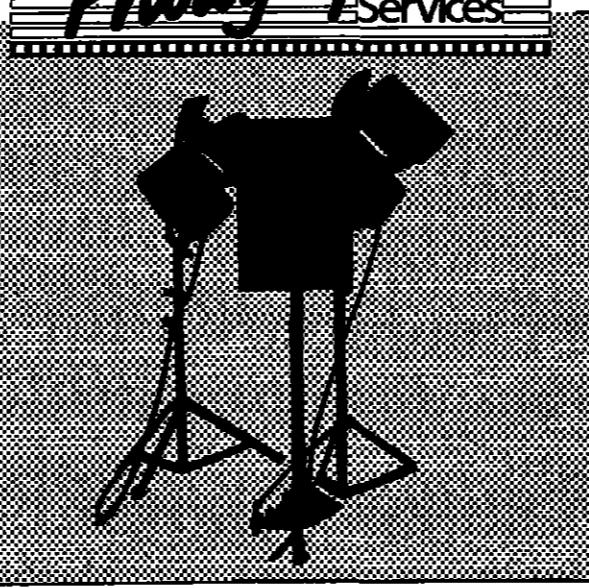
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